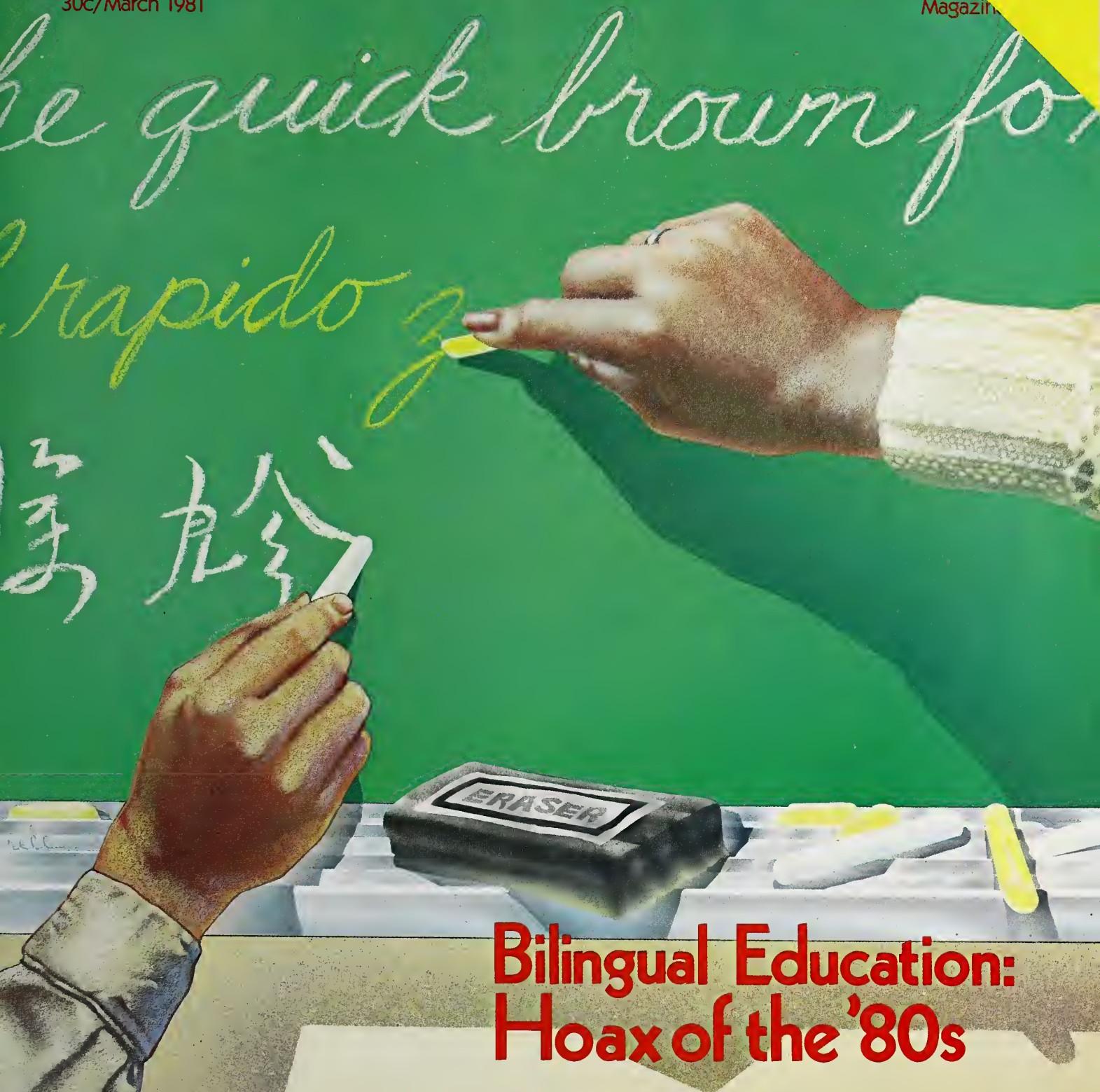


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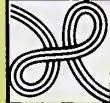
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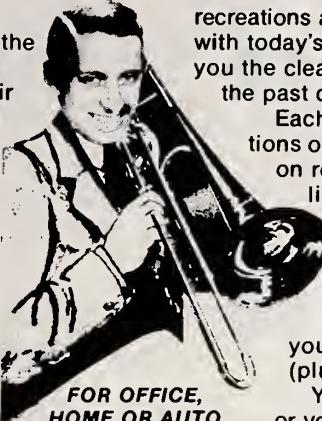
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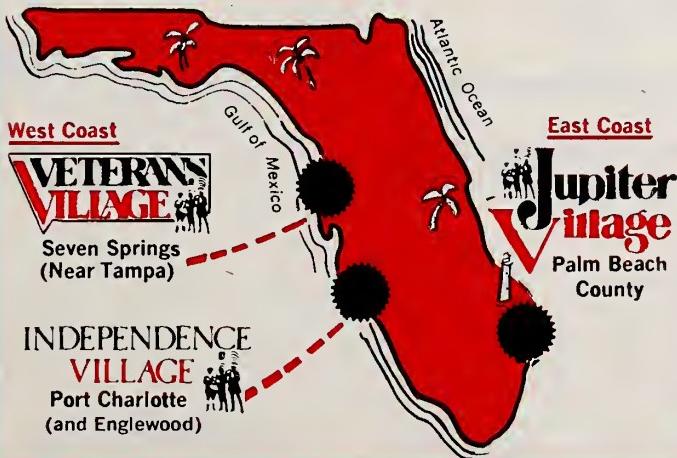
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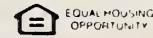
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Michael J. Kogutek

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Since those happy days interminably long ago, we've been through a lot. With the best intentions, we sent our young men to Korea and Vietnam; then we watched in puzzlement as demonstrations and indecisiveness divided the nation. It's been a time of awakening, too. We learned that some of our favorite heroes were less than perfect, and that even a President was not above ignominious scandal.

We watched impotently—or, at best, without clarity of purpose—as the Soviet Union crushed one country after another while defying us to intervene. We witnessed American Embassies—our sovereign territory—under attack, and we grieved for our slain and imprisoned diplomats.

Unfortunately, this atmosphere of defeat has made it fashionable in

some quarters to criticize America and too many Americans do it well. This vocal minority—surely, they don't represent us all—apparently believes it's okay to be cynical about such cherished concepts as "patriotism," "duty" and "honor."

Yes, it's been a long time since we Americans held our heads high, slapped each other on the back and reveled in that exhilaration which goes hand in hand with "By George! We *really* showed those bums" type of talk. Individuals need it once in a while and so do nations. Everyone likes the taste of victory, the warm feeling of self-esteem, and the satisfaction that comes from throwing sand in the face of a seashore bully and, then, daring him to whimper a protest.

Well, we don't feel like that today. The Iranian crisis and its resolution didn't give us cause for much back-slapping. Sure, we wanted to—we wanted to turn the whole thing into some kind of victory. Yellow ribbons welcomed the hostages home, and we were as elated by their return as we had been saddened earlier by the deaths of eight who died while trying to free them. Though some Americans cheered and celebrated January 20, 1981, as a day of victory, others

"The Iranian crisis . . . didn't give us cause for much backslapping."

hung their heads in shame to think this great nation had been forced to bow to the demands of terrorists. When news broke that our embassy personnel had not only been unlawfully detained, but also tortured and otherwise mistreated, even the jubilant were outraged. The taste of "victory" had turned bitter.

The ramifications of possible courses of action toward the Iranian government are complex and, as much as we would like them to be, cannot be based solely on our feelings of national anger and disgust. Only time will reveal the wisdom of whatever actions are taken, yet—regard-

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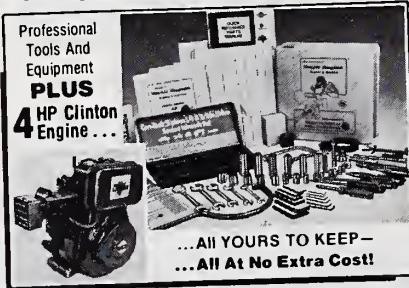
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Immigration Dilemma

- Thank you for the timely article "Destination: USA" (January). By allowing such unlimited immigration, our nation is building conditions which are unhealthy for the general welfare. We like to think of America as a melting pot, but immigrants for years have tended to settle with others of their ethnic groups. This is leading to pressure for bilingual education while the teaching of English is being downgraded. Political benefits for adults are sought; ethnic ghettos are being created. The melting pot is not melting!

JOSEPH B. MILGRAM
Brooklyn, NY

- Now we have the truth about the flood of illegal aliens pouring into our country, as described in "Destination: USA." We have been invaded!

JAMES D. PURDY
East Syracuse, NY

- Re: "Destination: USA:"



"But what about my poor, my unemployed, my huddled masses, my taxpayers yearning to be free?"

R. C. BURKHOLDER
Tucson, AZ

- In regard to "Destination: USA," we should find some means to return the undesirable aliens to Cuba. If our

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policy dictates acceptance of some illegal ones, at least they should not be convicts.

WALTER W. POTTER
Wayne, NJ

Home For Mama

- I rarely comment on articles I read in magazines, but I must give a word of support to "A Home For Mama," (January). Having served 11 years as administrator of our large County Home for the Aged, I can only say "Amen" to Jesse N. Bradley's observations.

DAVID K. BAUSCH
Allentown, PA

- "A Home For Mama" should be read by everyone who has, or someday may have, a relative who can no longer remain at home. As a nurse in a VA rehabilitation unit I know of the problems the author describes. The principal things to look for, and the do's and don'ts were particularly pertinent.

BETTY H. PERRIN
Sharon, VT

Postal Service

- Re: "Spooner vs. U. S. Postal Service" (January), there is a way to overcome the high cost of postal rates: (1) Have the large mailers pay a fair share of the cost of their mailings, (2) Eliminate special low rates for mail that fits into the category known to the average citizen as a junk mail. (3) Eliminate private book publishers' use of the library rate at nine cents a pound. And to the author who states, "the service seems to be slower every day," I remind her that we have the finest postal organization in the world.

R. MURPHY
Tolland, CT

Et Cetera

- Normally, I would be on the side opposing further government intrusion into our lives, however, when the issue is putting the brakes on the nationwide unrestrained conversion of rental housing to condominiums ("Big Issues," December) I favor HR 5175 and its call for a moratorium.

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Big Issues

Should We Scrap The 9-Digit Zip Code Plan?



*Sen. James R.
Sasser
(D-TN)*

for friends and relatives. It would require hundreds of thousands of dollars for many businesses to convert to the new system.

In fact, the system might be so overwhelming that many people would simply refuse to comply. It took 17 years to achieve the current usage rate for the five-digit ZIP code—97 percent—and I believe it would require many, many years before a significant percentage of the American public would accept the new nine-digit system.

I don't think the Postal Service has fully investigated these drawbacks in developing its proposal. That is why I joined a number of my colleagues in the Senate in attempting to block implementation of the nine-digit ZIP code until we see convincing evidence that it will save money and improve service.

We risk plunging the American public into a chaotic and counterproductive experiment unless we demand a more thorough study by the Postal Service.

The savings projected by the Postal Service certainly aren't convincing. The Postal Service plans to spend almost \$1 billion to purchase optical scanners and other equipment necessary to implement the nine-digit ZIP code system. Once the system is fully deployed, sometime in 1986, the annual savings will amount to only \$500 million.

At a subcommittee hearing chaired by Sen. John Glenn (D-OH) the Post Office said the new system would improve service. However, many businesses already have pre-sort programs seemingly as efficient as the nine-digit plan.

I think too many questions about the system remain unanswered. The Postal Service claims it has looked at the system for four years, but Senator Glenn's hearing last year was the first opportunity the Postal Service has taken to brief Congress on the system—even though the Postal Service proposes to put the system into effect in June 1981. I don't see any reason why the Postal Service must rush into this system before it receives full public consideration.

Perhaps one of the most disturbing aspects of this proposal is that it represents another attempt in the chilling tendency to reduce Americans to nothing more than a series of numbers. Already, an American adult is little more than a driver's license number, a bank account number, or a series of digits in one data bank or another. Let's think long and hard before adding more numbers to American life.

Yes. Under the nine-digit ZIP code plan proposed by the Postal Service, the number of ZIP codes in the United States would increase from 40,000 to about 20 million. The new ZIP codes would fill 10 volumes containing about 30,000 pages.

The result, I believe, would be chaos. Private individuals would find it confusing and frustrating tracking down nine-digit ZIP codes



*Rep. Edward J.
Derwinski
(R-IL)*

study and evaluate alternatives to the existing letter mail processing system. The Postal Service subsequently concluded it was possible to establish an automated processing system that would increase productivity and efficiency and reduce operating costs. Plans to implement the program were first announced on September 13, 1978.

Numbers are the price we pay for computerized, automated operations which are fast, cheap and efficient. If the Postal Service is to be successful in reducing operating costs and improving efficiency, it must move from mechanization to automation.

The Postal Service is a labor intensive operation where wages and fringe benefits account for 86 percent of its expenditures. It has gone as far as it can with existing mechanization. Its counterparts in Western Europe have been using optical character and bar code reading and sorting equipment for years.

The expanded ZIP code program, with a new automated system of mail sorting, will result in savings of approximately \$600 million in mail processing costs by 1987. The program will be phased in. Proposed incentives for volume mailers to adapt to the nine-digit ZIP code are scheduled to be announced this March. Actual implementation of the program will not begin before June 1981. Next fall, code assignments will be mailed to each address in the United States.

Use of the expanded ZIP code will be voluntary, and incentives will be offered to big mailers. Resultant reductions in the work force will be accomplished through attrition.

The new system will depend upon public cooperation. There was considerable skepticism when ZIP codes were introduced in 1963. Today, approximately 97 percent of the mail received bears a ZIP code.

The ZIP code was one of the postal system's most successful innovations. It has permitted the Postal Service to increase its mechanized processing from 20 percent of the mailstream to 70 percent in 10 years.

Continuing inflation has spotlighted the need for increased postal productivity. The Postal Service must be able to provide its customers with efficient, economical services.

While it is fashionable to horsewhip the Postal Service, the fact remains that its four-digit add-on eventually will result in lower operational overhead. That adds up to good news for taxpayers and mail customers.

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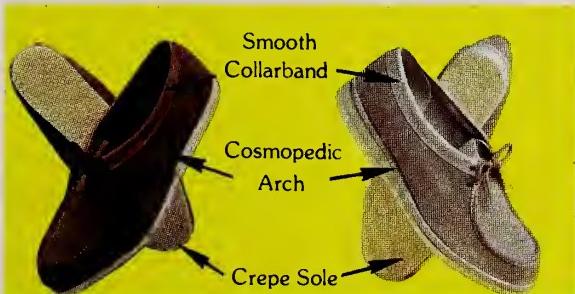
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"Baby Boom" Generation: Hazards Ahead

A Congressional study on demographic trends predicts America in the 1980s can expect lower birth rates, slower population growth and an increasingly older society. The study says the maturing of the "Baby Boom" generation into the prime working ages of 25 to 45 years old will intensify competition for upper and middle level jobs, and stimulate a rush for housing of all types.

Additionally, smaller families will decrease the number of military-aged men and lower enrollment in colleges and schools. The Social Security system will also be strained as fewer people pay into the system and more draw benefits.

To avoid the worst, the report warns, government, business and labor must work together, planning and utilizing the most advanced industrial techniques and procedures.

Revealing Secrets Cost Time and Money

The federal government has been advised it is wasting time and money reviewing secret documents to determine if they can be made public. According to a study by the General Accounting Office (GAO), about 90 percent of the material painstakingly scrutinized by the National Archives for possible declassification is of no interest to the public.

Some 617 million pages of CIA, FBI and Defense Department classified information is sifted after the data become 20 years old. The originating agency and the National Security Council assist in the reviewing process.

However, the GAO auditors believe that only material likely to be in the public interest should be considered for declassification, because the reexamination procedures take too long and the estimated \$11 million a year cost is too great. National Archives insists it must survey all the documents so the public, not the government, can decide which are of interest.

Right-on-Red May Not be All Right

The right-turn-on-red (RTOR) law, promoted to save gas, has caused an increase in traffic accidents and should be repealed in some instances, according to a survey by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The adoption of RTOR led to a 20 percent rise in vehicle crashes and a 57 percent boost in pedestrian mishaps during accidents involving right turns, the report claims.

The government began pushing the RTOR law in the early 70s and by 1976 it was threatening to cut off federal aid to states not allowing RTOR. Currently, all states and the District of Columbia permit right turns at red lights except at designated intersections.

The study calls for RTOR laws to be eliminated in urban centers with high traffic volumes, where it reports a 25 percent surge in car smashups and a 79 percent jump in pedestrian accidents during right turns on red lights.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Big Spending Reds—"What we are observing is the consequence of 15 years of increased military spending by the Soviet leadership . . ." Sec'y of State Alexander M. Haig.

A Sense Of Urgency—"I do not plan to recommend to the President that we declare a state of economic emergency nor that he ask for special emergency powers. We must have a sense of urgency—not a sense of emergency." Treasury Sec'y Donald T. Regan.

Food: A Peace Weapon—"I believe food is now the greatest weapon we have for keeping peace in the world. It will continue to be for the next 20 years, as other countries become more dependent on American farm exports and become reluctant to upset us." Agriculture Sec'y John R. Block.

Why Support Our Foes?—"It is difficult to understand why we support some U. N. agencies which are undermining the work of the United States and some of its allies." U.N. Rep. Jeane Kirkpatrick.

Get Back To Work—"We no longer have the best and the cheapest. We must get back to work in both the business and labor communities and get government out." Labor Sec'y Ray Donovan.

In House, Americans First—"We are Americans first, Democrats second. We won't be obstructionist. We'll have our own ideas. But on the economy and defense, we'll work with the President." House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.

Congressional Push . . . Pull—"Everybody has to give a little and get a little. No one will be fully satisfied, but in times of restraint, that's the only way a consensus can be built." Chmn. James R. Jones, House Budget Committee.

Development: Time + Skill—"All too often, the federal government moves in a crisis, not with the precision of a surgeon's scalpel but with the force of a meat ax . . . We want the right kind of development to come over time, not the wrong kind of development to come in a crisis." Interior Sec'y James G. Watt.

Crime Marches On—"I regret to say society is winning fewer battles and, as of now, is losing this war." Chief U. S. Justice Warren E. Burger.

Students Need Values—"The biggest failing in higher education today is that we fall short in exposing students to values . . ." Steven Muller, president, Johns Hopkins Univ.

A Brain-intensive Japan—"Our primary goal must be to make Japan into a technology-based society . . . Japanese industry will be neither labor-intensive nor capital-intensive, but brain-intensive." Shoichi Akazawa, exec. v.p., Fujitsu Ltd., Tokyo.

Oil Price Misery—"Prices will continue to go up with ever-more-miserable consequences for the importing countries. The point is, when is enough enough?" Walter J. Levy, oil economist.

English Language In Good Shape—"The English language is in very good shape. It is changing in its own undiscoverable way, but it is not going rotten like a plum dropping off a tree . . ." Robert Burchfield, editor, Oxford dictionaries.

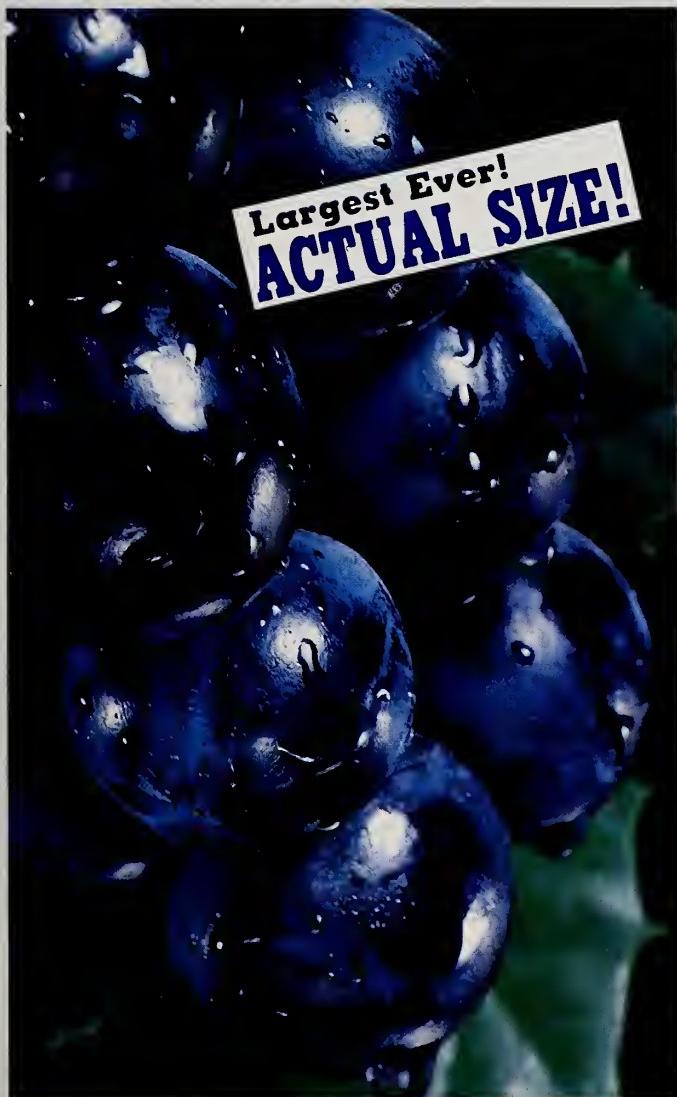
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“I Was Khomeini’s Hostage...”

U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Donald R. Hohman tells the story of his 444 days of captivity at the hands of Iranian terrorists

By Philip C. Clarke

In the following interview conducted exclusively for The American Legion Magazine, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Donald Robert Hohman, 38, U.S. Army Medical Corps, member of The American Legion (Germany Post 2, Department of France), tells of his 14½ months of captivity as one of the 52 American hostages in Iran. It is a story of terror, inhumanity and defiance—and of a faith that never wavered.

On the warm autumn morning of November 4, 1979, Tehran was seething with tension. As on days before, mobs of angry demonstrators surged through the streets shouting, “Death to the Shah,” “Death to America,” “Down with Carter.”

Sgt. Donald R. Hohman, a 12-year Army veteran from West Sacramento, CA, father of four, was on temporary duty with the medical support unit at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, having arrived three months earlier from his regular post at the U.S. Army's 97th General Hospital, Wiesbaden, West Germany.

Despite the tension and hostility so evident on that morning—and readily apparent even when Hohman had arrived from West Germany—Hohman was relaxed and counting the days until he could return to Wiesbaden and to his German-born wife, Anna, and their young children. But that was not to be—not until after 444 days and nights of hell during which Hohman, for the first time in his life, "really learned to hate."

For Sgt. Hohman, the long ordeal began shortly before noon on November 4. A band of armed terrorists exploded into the apartment building near the Embassy where he and several other Americans were living. The intruders kicked in the doors as they searched the apartments.

"I went over the balcony, dropping from the second floor to the first floor," remembers Hohman. "I thought I was going to get away over the adjoining wall, but a policeman pointed me out to the terrorists and they surrounded me."

Hohman was taken to the Embassy compound where, with the other Americans, he was bound and blindfolded. It was a scene of chaos and confusion. The sergeant was moved to four different locations inside the compound during the first day. At first, he says, most of the Americans thought it was going to be a sit-in demonstration that could be ended

without forceful resistance. "After a while, we knew differently."

Like the other hostages, Hohman had to wear only what he had on—in his case, bluejeans, corduroy jacket and casual shoes. It was to be his prison "uniform" for the next 14½ months.

When the realization of the hostages' plight sank in, Hohman thought: "This is an act of war because they breached the wall into our Embassy compound. But I thought the government would take care of it immediately, or at least in the next couple of days."

The Iranian government?

"No, our government. I believed that the United States was strong enough to say to Khomeini: 'Okay, you're going to let these people go,' and the Iranians would comply."

Were the Iranian captors students or terrorists?

"They were terrorists. The minute they came over the wall they were terrorists in my book. Some may have been students before they came over, but once they breached that wall they were terrorists."

Hohman says, "There didn't seem to be anyone in charge. There was a scheme to it because they had people wearing different colored armbands, but I never knew of anyone really directing the operation."

Had the terrorists been met with armed resistance, would they have dispersed, as they did after an earlier assault on the Embassy in February?

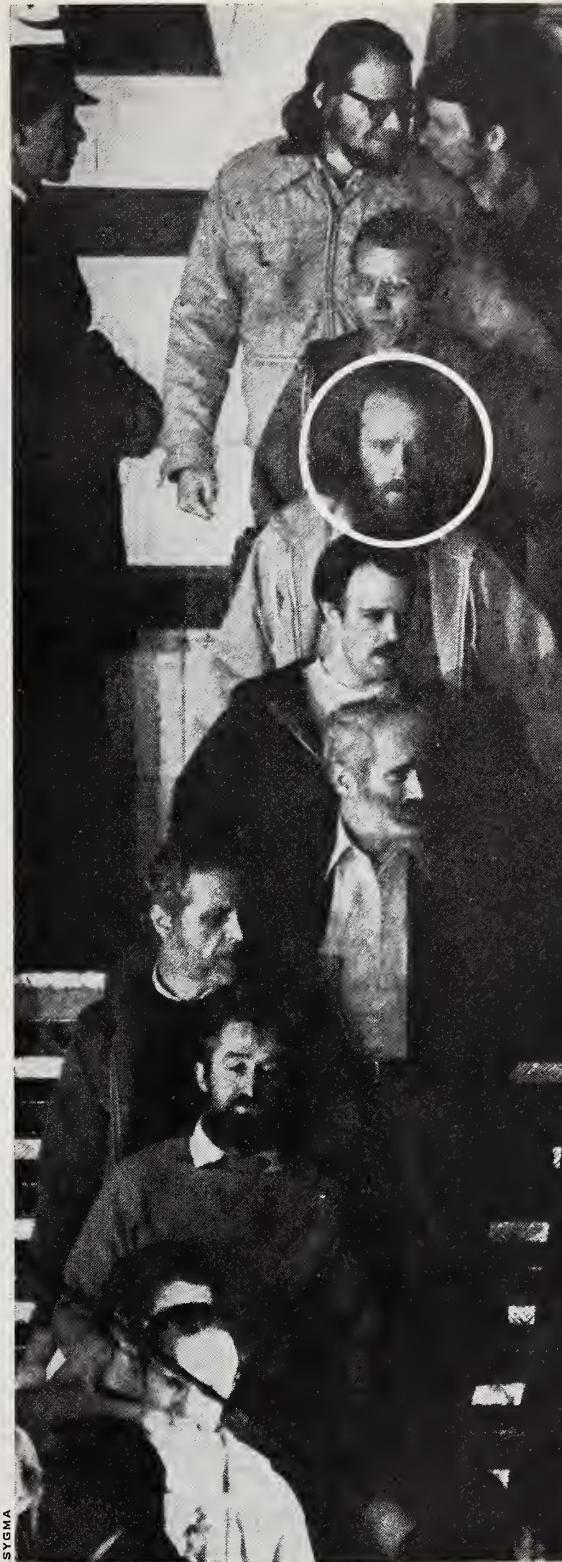
"I don't know," says Hohman. "I have wondered about that. I did talk to many of the terrorists later and they said they had written wills for their families, expecting to die when they came over the wall. However, I think if our Marines had been allowed to fire, all of us may have died."

Hohman says there was no question of the fanaticism of the terrorists. "They showed hate, and that's where I learned my hate . . . Until then, I never had truly hated anybody in my life. I may have disliked certain people, but they (the terrorists) taught me how to really hate."

In retrospect, the sergeant says this feeling of rage toward his captors probably helped him get through the ordeal. "I returned the feelings of the terrorists."

Hohman believes that much of the fanaticism and hatred came from young Iranians educated in the United States. "They showed a kind of love-hate relationship (toward America). There are things they

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(Opposite page). Freed hostage and fellow Legionnaire SFC Donald R. Hohman's welcome home included New York City's largest-ever ticker-tape parade. (Left). Hohman—being greeted by his German-born wife, Anna, upon his arrival in Wiesbaden—was the first hostage to be reunited with his family. (Above). A bearded and exhausted Hohman is shown with his fellow hostages arriving in Algeria.

Bilingual Education: Hoax Of '80s

"A 'second language,' English simply isn't—not in these United States, anyway."

By Dr. Max Rafferty

Recent research conducted by two newspapers—The New York Times and Spotlight—point up the escalating foolishness which is “bilingual education.” At the root of the problem—as usual—is a Supreme Court decision on a topic about which it apparently knew little: the problem of the child who shows up in an American classroom unable to speak English.

Back in 1974, the Court intoned this deathless sentence: “Those who do not understand English are certain to find their classroom experiences wholly incomprehensible and in no way meaningful.” Its target: San Francisco, with 3,000 Chinese students in its schools.

Here I pause reflectively to contemplate the millions of immigrant kids who Niagara-ed into our eastern states during the last century. I wonder how the schools of yesterday made their classroom experiences “comprehensible” and “meaningful.” Not by trying to teach them in their native languages, that’s for sure.

The story of American immigration is unique in the history of the human race. It’s trite to say, “We’re all descended from immigrants except the Indians.” Even worse, it isn’t true. The Indians’ remote ancestors were Siberian hunters who followed the caribou across a land bridge which is now the Bering Straits. They beat the rest of us here by a good many thousands of years, but they were immigrants nonetheless.

The Spaniards came next, early in the 16th century. They left traces, mostly in Florida. The Southwest was settled later, but by the Mexicans, not the Spanish.

With the Jamestown settlers in the south and the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the north there began the steady flow of the English and the Scots which lasted all through the 17th century and well into the 18th century. The first black immigrants arrived in 1610 from Africa’s Ivory Coast, much against their will. These

tough choice to make: die, or emigrate. They did both—by the millions. Ten years after the Famine, Ireland’s population had been cut in half. New York and Boston almost overnight acquired more Irish residents than any city in Ireland could boast.

Next, starting in the 1850s, came the German wave, initially brought about by an agricultural revolution which brought financial hardship to farmers. Later, in the 1860s, Bismarck consolidated the dozens of little fairy tale German duchies and petty kingdoms around the largest of them—Prussia. He needed a war with France in order to unify the new nation, so he instituted a strict military draft. Result: hundreds of thousands of former citizens of Saxony and Bavaria and Hesse-Nassau found themselves bound for the New World in immigrant steerage, fugitives from the Iron Chancellor’s draft. Many arrived just in time for Abe Lincoln’s draft, needed to keep the Confederacy in the Union. History can be decidedly ironic.

During roughly this same period, Chinese coolies were being shipped into San Francisco to lay the cross-ties and the rails of the Union Pacific Railroad. Some of these newcomers had been sold into what amounted to slavery by the warlords who ruled the several parts of the Celestial Kingdom and they, like the black Africans, came here unwillingly.

But now all that was to change—and for good. Each of the waves that followed was to be composed of people who were coming because they

**“How is this federally-mandated addiction treated?
. . . By refusal to pay for it.”**

three groups put their mark indelibly upon American culture, customs and behavior for hundreds of years to come. With some additions and a few subtractions, it’s still there.

The successive waves of more modern immigration were started by the Irish in the late 1840s as a direct result of the Potato Famine, still referred to in Ireland as the “Great Hunger.” The usurping English for centuries had stolen everything above ground on that unfortunate island. The Irish were thus forced to subsist almost entirely on the humble potato which, of course, grows underground. When crops failed for three consecutive years, the Irish had a

wanted to. In the 1880s, the Scandinavian migration began, lured by the prospect of rich farm land in the upper Midwest available virtually for the asking. Toward the end of the century came the Italians, most of them bound for the big cities of the East, but some ending in California where they began that state's booming wine business. Finally, in the years just prior to World War I, the waves were from Japan and from central and southern Europe.

The world had never before witnessed a phenomenon of this nature. Mass immigration slacked off after the war. The United States, for the first time, adopted an immigration law featuring the so-called "Quota System." The phenomenon had run its course. But it had left its legacy: the "Melting Pot." And the "Melting Pot" was to a very large extent America's public school system.

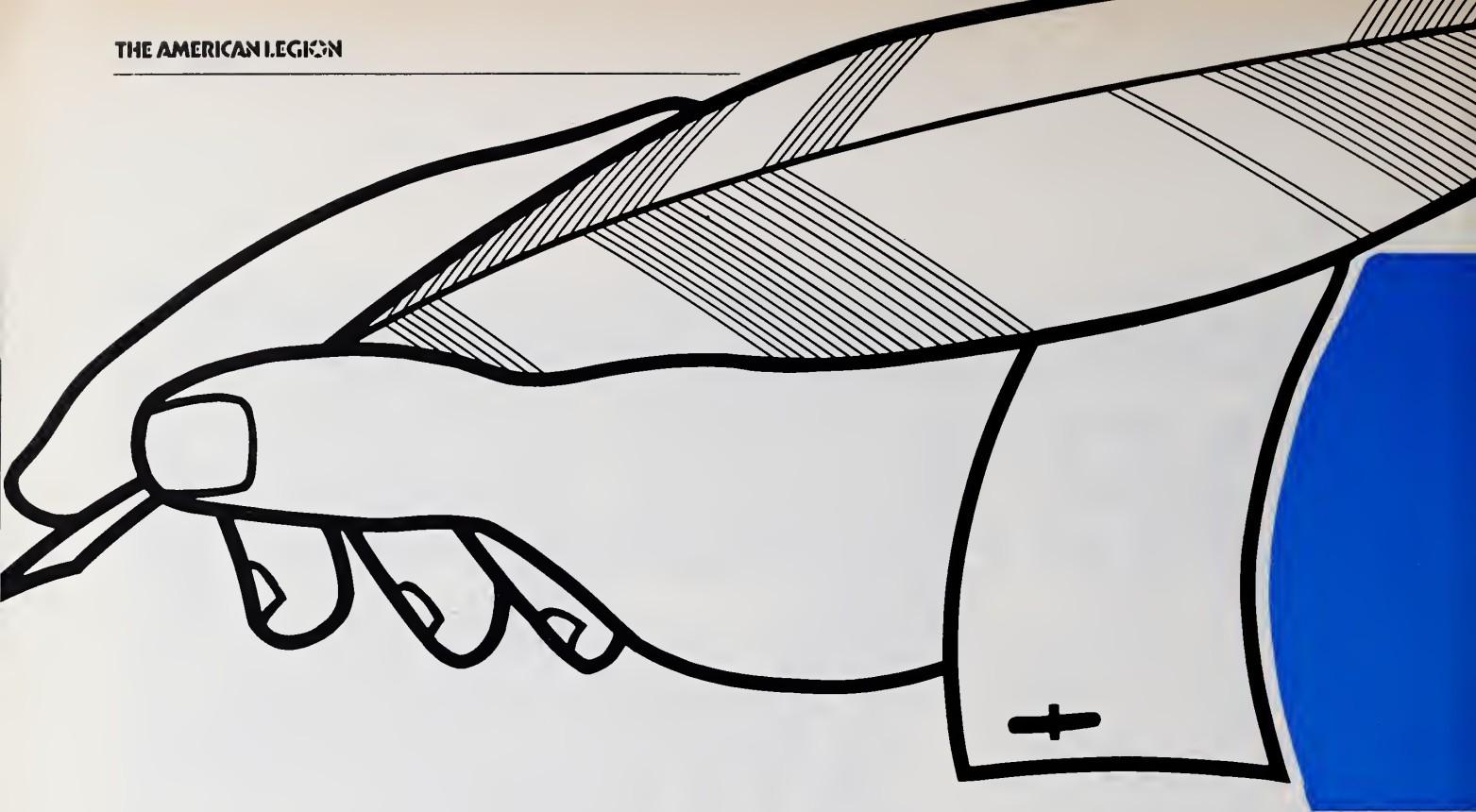
Our ancestors knew two things which we apparently have forgotten today: (1) that children learn a new language much faster and more easily than do their elders; and (2) that if they were allowed to keep speaking their native tongues, then, instead of a united nation, in a few years we would have been Balkanized into a score of segregated, hostile national groups, each with a different language and a different set of traditions and values.

Education alone could make Americans out of aliens.

Holding this piece out of the past firmly in mind, let's switch reels to the present to Dr. Marion L. Greenblatt, member of the Montgomery County, Maryland, School Board. In September 1980, she succumbed to a seemingly irresistible urge and told the federal government that its proposed regulation requiring every school system in the land to teach foreign students in their own language is nonsense. Origin of this exercise in futility: the Supreme Court decision previously quoted.

It was to the bureaucrats of the Department of Education that Dr. Greenblatt directed
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By Hannah M. Smith

Graphology—the evaluation of personality, character, emotions and health by analyzing handwriting—first interested me as a teenager during the depression. I worked at the family hotel in Vegreville, Alberta, Canada, where I noticed the variety of signatures in the register corresponded to idiosyncrasies of personality and temperament of those who registered.

Gregarious and optimistic traveling salesmen signed in with extravagant, forward-slanting letters, while guests who tended to be more introverted and pessimistic—depressed by the economic conditions of the '30s—registered in smaller, tighter handwriting that sloped downhill across the page.

My early research in large libraries netted a wealth of material, most translated from French and German pioneers in the science of graphology. I continued my own research and later on analyzed the handwriting of British Columbia Penitentiary inmates to help classification officers more quickly determine prisoners' emotional and psychological makeup. As an elementary school teacher, I was also able to do in-depth research of children's handwriting and thus help teachers and families pinpoint problem areas.

For a period in the 1960s, I was licensed as a detective to use graphology for a large investigation bureau

in Calgary, Alberta. They screened job applicants for family background, former positions and criminal records. My job was to analyze the handwriting of applicants to determine personality and character traits, state of health and suitability for the job.

So, handwriting analysis is being used beneficially in a number of fields, but even amateurs can enjoy graphology. The first step is to learn the basics of handwriting analysis and a few "tricks of the trade."

Engineers and architects often combine printing and cursive writing. People who are fastidious and frequently vain in their choice of clothes will form the lower case *r* larger than the other small letters of the alphabet. These two clues helped me advise a metropolitan police department which was seeking the perpetrator of a sex-related slaying of a young boy. The note I was shown by the police had a backhand slant (introvert) and a combination of printing and writing with many *r*'s noticeably larger than the rest of the small letters. This writing, I told them, belonged to a well-dressed man, educated, possibly an engineer or architect. The backhand slant was that of an anti-social individual. Subsequently, the police, using young boys as decoys, arrested and charged a well-dressed architect who worked in one of the buildings near the park.

Graphology is as individual as fingerprints and older than clinical

psychology. A good graphologist should have a background in psychology and a true sense of responsibility when interpreting the writing submitted. Although graphology is a complex study, there are a few basics. The page, for example, is studied for many things:

- How paper is used. Many words on a line and very little margin indicates a thrifty person. The wider the margin, the more extravagant the person. Variations in margins also show how money is handled at various times. Close to payday, the margins dwindle.
- The pressure of one's handwriting shows intensity and state of health. Changes in pressure are often warnings of changes in health.
- The baseline shows the moods: slanting up indicates optimism; slanting down, pessimism or discouragement; varying, moody.
- Certain individual letters tell the graphologist a great deal. The most telling letter is the small *t*. (See the accompanying analysis of Andrew Jackson's letter on page 44.)
- The *a* and *g* are the barometer of communication. An open *a* shows the ability to speak freely. Too many open *a*'s might show a lack of diplomacy. A closed *a* shows the ability to listen, while a combination of both shows the ability to communicate.
- When there are extra closures on the *a* or *g* there is an unwillingness to talk, often suspicion and even deceit. If there are many of these the

Hidden Meaning Of Handwriting

Even illegible scrawling can be read with ease by a graphologist

person, while gaining the individual's confidence, is giving nothing in exchange. This person is apt to use this information dishonestly.

One of the most fascinating areas of graphology is signature analysis. A person writes his signature more than any other set single phrase. Thus, it can tell more—or less—about a person than any other bit of writing. It is a person's trademark—and often a facade, for when a signature is very much different from the individual's normal style of writing, that person has an image to preserve or is trying to cover up insecurity. A signature is not enough in itself for a detailed personality analysis, but it does give a picture of the person as that person wants to be seen by others.

And how do the famous, and not-so-famous, wish to be perceived by others? Consider the following:

Dwight Eisenhower

In the signature of Dwight Eisenhower, we can tell from the forward slant that he had the ability to mix with people. The *t* in "Dwight" crossing over the *D* shows the ability to think rapidly. Breaks between the *g* and the *h* in "Dwight" and the *n* and the *h* in "Eisenhower" show his ability to use intuition and to trust

hunches. This writing tells why he could make quick decisions and select good generals. Although his capital letters show great confidence, he was not overwhelmed with feelings of self-importance.

Theodore Roosevelt

Roosevelt's small script shows enormous power of concentration. Small capitals indicate modesty, while the definite, forward slant show gregariousness. Filled loops show that he was under tension at the time this was written. The upward slant shows optimism, while the flying *t* bar on the final *t* shows originality. Also, modesty and gentleness, as well as good health and optimism show in this very unassuming signature.

Mark Twain

The small lettering of Mark Twain shows the ability to concentrate and, also, indicates humility. The one *i* dot flies high over the *i* and shows originality. It is also shaped like a small inverted *v*, a sign of a dry sense of humor.

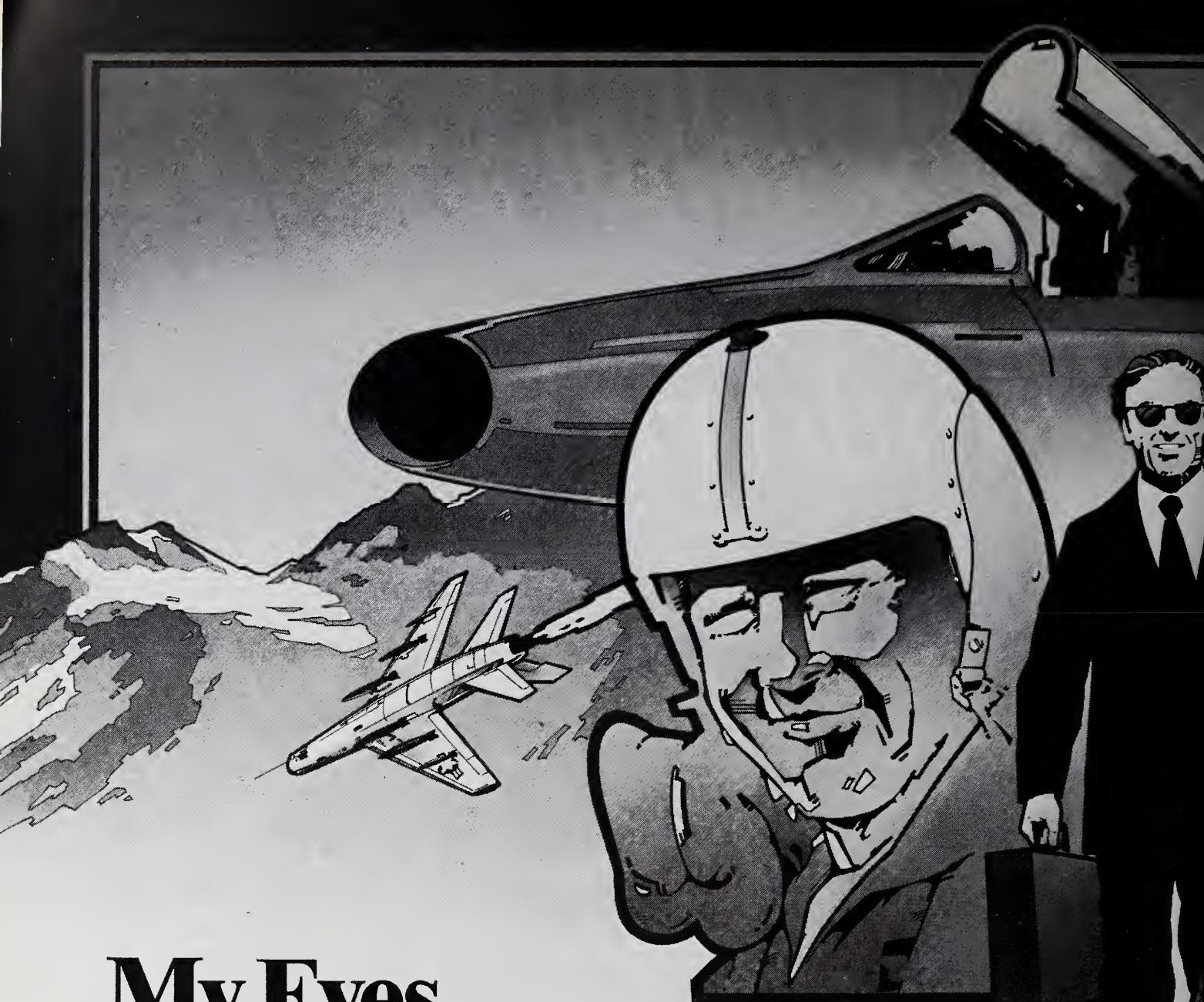
Harry Truman

Harry Truman's signature has many points on the letters in his last name. Pointed *m*'s and *n*'s indicate an analytical mind. The small lettering in "Harry" shows the ability to concentrate. The altruistic *y*, which leads on to the next word, shows his interest in people. Both *a*'s are tightly closed, showing that he gave thought to what he said. However, the *t* bar crossing over and ending with a point is done when a sensitive person keeps a great deal to himself and finally lashes out with biting sarcasm.

Now that you've had a taste of the fruits of graphology, a hard-to-read letter or an intricately scribed signature will never again be just "illegible words" or "pretty script." Each holds its own secrets and it is within your power to unlock them if you are willing to invest the time it takes to learn. Why not start with me?

Hannah G. Smith

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My Eyes Are At My Finger- tips

In the author's world of darkness, Glenn Dawg was a guiding light

By Jack M. Redding

A blinding crash against a granite mountain destroyed my visual acuity in 1960 and ended my career as an Air Force pilot. In my world of total darkness there was but one light—a very dear friend I called Glenn Dawg.

Glenn Dawg's story actually began some 40 years earlier in Europe when doctors were searching for a way to give useful lives to blinded German veterans. Dogs trained for various types of duty in WWI were eventually retrained as guide dogs and an American, Morris Frank, was allowed to participate in one such training program. In 1929, he graduated with his guide, Buddy, and they came back to the United States to conduct a one-man/one-dog crusade that resulted in the establishment of The Seeing Eye Inc. school in Morristown, NJ.

Dog guides are most often thought of as Seeing Eye Dogs. Many are, but certainly not all. Others go by their own "brand name" such as Leader Dogs, Pilot Dogs, Guide Dogs and, a recent innovation, Hearing Ear Dogs for the deaf.

Each of the schools have variations in their training programs, philosophies and specialization, but they are in complete agreement on what their mission is: to get a blind person from one place to another in the safest, most efficient manner possible. The benefits of protection, companionship and loving relationships are all extra and they come free.

After WWII, a dog guide training center for veterans was established in Los Gatos, CA, and later it moved to its present 11-acre location near San Pablo Bay in San Rafael. It was



GLENN DAWG

there in 1961 that I met my Glenn Dawg. But it wasn't as easy as simply walking in and claiming him—the school does not admit just anybody.

Before I could be accepted into their training program and subsequently get a guide dog, I had to prove my worth and demonstrate to Guide Dogs for the Blind Inc., that the use of the dog would aid in my rehabilitation. After I had been in a hospital for more than a year of extensive and often painful medical treatment, barely able to muster the courage to go on, those people were demanding that I prove myself worthy. I had survived! Wasn't that proof enough?

No.
They said it was not enough to

After preliminary investigation determined I might be a worthy recipient, I submitted a statement outlining how I would use my new companion. Then they called for detailed physical and psychological profiles. I had no idea it would be that difficult to get a guide dog. But there was more: interviews, further screenings, counseling and more papers to complete. Then, finally, the tedious wait began so long ago started drawing to an end.

Meanwhile, Glenn Dawg was already hard at work. Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., breed their own and have been working toward perfecting a program that will produce animals of the highest quality. Glenn Dawg was a prime example of their efforts.

At just a year old, he was a magnificently colored black and gray German shepherd weighing 110 pounds. He, as was customary for that program, had been taken from the training grounds in his fourth month and sent to live with a 4-H Club member, Mary Kuntz, on a ranch in California. During this vital period, Glenn was introduced to society and made to feel comfortable with all aspects of the life he would later encounter.

When the puppy arrived at the ranch, he was given time to rest and get acclimated to his new surroundings. Then his training began. Right off, Mary worked on the assumption that Glenn Dawg wanted to please her, and he did. All Glenn needed to know was what she wanted and when she wanted it. That meant it was up to Mary—and the sightless person who would eventually command Glenn—to develop communication skills with the dog. This required the use of the same words every time an official command was given. Mary employed a tone of voice that gave a clue to what she wanted; that is, she lowered her voice when commanding Glenn to do something requiring him to lower himself, and she raised her voice when she wanted the opposite action.

Glenn Dawg seemed to look for
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A nuclear-capable missile—part of the NATO arsenal—is being put into position by U.S. troops.



NATO Emblem (above); Tanks on maneuvers in Italy (below).

By Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The greatest single threat to a stable and peaceful Europe continues to reside in the immediate presence of massive Soviet military power. This is not an apocalyptic judgment concerning Soviet intentions. It is merely an acknowledgement of the threat that continues to face our allies.

Fundamental political, social and moral issues divide East and West. These issues are continually being expressed in dispute and confrontation. The risks of this hostility persist in the context of the greatest peacetime aggregation of military power the world has ever seen.

The most crucial task facing Western diplomacy is managing this power in order to assure that confrontation does not become conflagration. Although we might wish it otherwise, success in that task will depend on our determination to maintain a military balance which is adequate to discourage the Soviet Union from resorting to force.

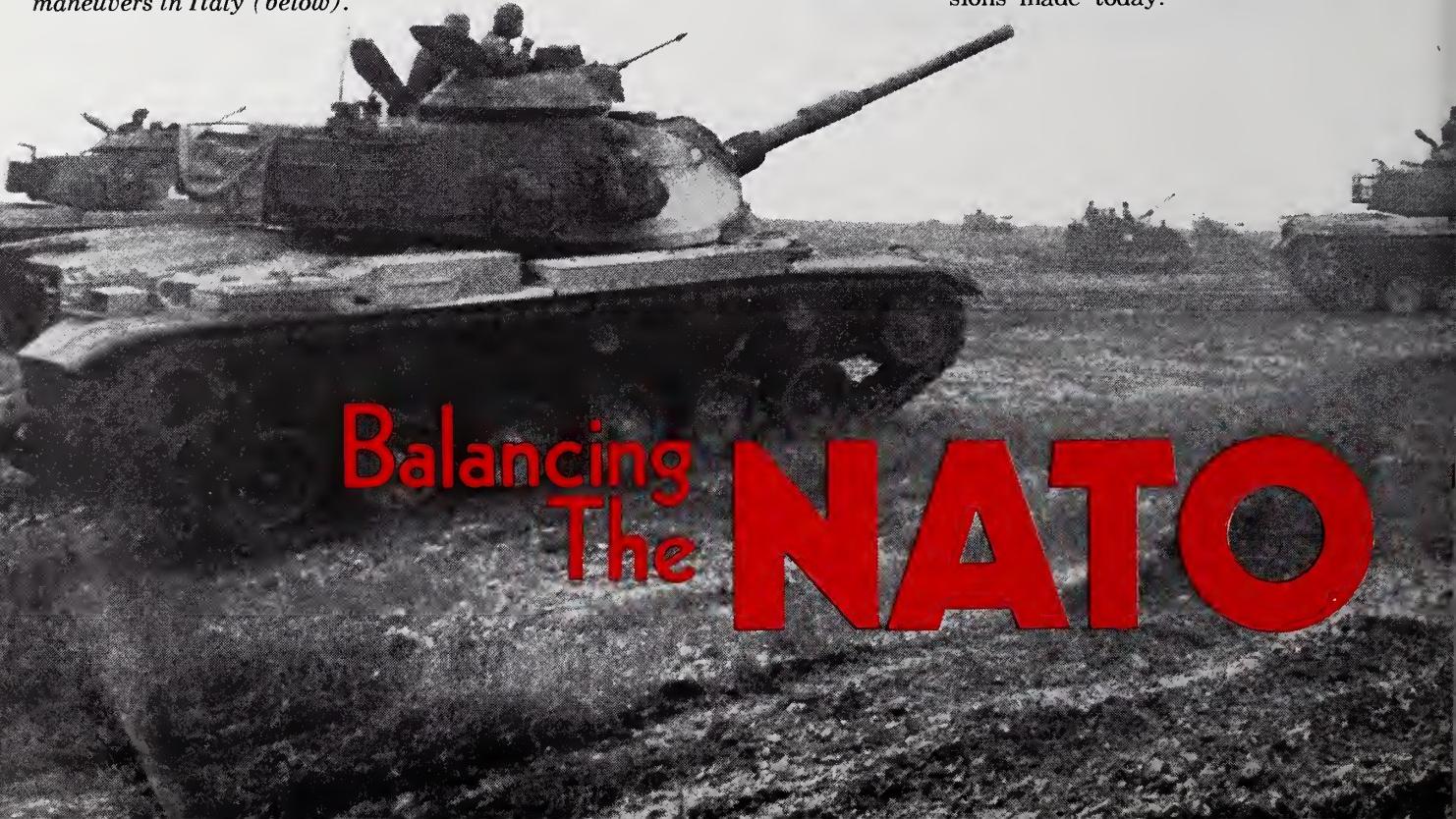
Today, that requirement is complicated by a fundamental transformation in the nature of Soviet military power. Soviet power has been changed in three major ways which are having significant implications for the security of Western Europe in particular.

First, it is clear that the capabilities deployed by the U.S.S.R. in Europe are not the product of some precipitous shift in Soviet priorities. Rather, they reflect a determined, sustained effort which has proceeded over the past 15 years relatively independent of corresponding Western defense allocations.

This determined effort has procured for the U.S.S.R. a military posture quantitatively superior to that of the West in many key areas. It has produced a level of technological sophistication that is rapidly encroaching on the West's traditional qualitative advantage. Most important, the emergence of these capabilities has been accompanied by the development of a modern, expanded production base capable of fielding military hardware in greater quantities and with greater sophistication than previously possible.

The direct impact of these developments on the contemporary military balance needs no elaboration. What is perhaps more important is the impact on the West's ability to respond to an unfavorable change in the international climate.

In a nutshell, we have been deprived of the great luxury of leisure. Consequently, our military capacity to safeguard Western interests a decade hence will depend on decisions made today.



The second key characteristic of the expansion of Soviet military power is the extent to which it has been distributed across all major categories of capability—nuclear as well as conventional; land, sea, and air; and immediate combat power along with logistical capability for sustained conflict.

During the past decade, the Soviets have methodically isolated and addressed their weaknesses and vulnerabilities. As a result, there are no single areas of Soviet military weakness today which are susceptible to unilateral Western exploitation. Thus, the day of the quick technological fix is over. This does not mean that the West must now match Soviet



*Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr.,
USA (Ret.).*

capabilities missile for missile, tank for tank, or man for man. It does imply that the West can no longer afford postural panaceas which ignore whole categories of capability.

Finally, while carrying out a sustained and balanced allocation of resources to military capabilities, the Soviets have fundamentally transformed both the character and utility of their military posture.

Once largely continental in capability, the military forces of the

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U.S.S.R. have become increasingly global in reach, and offensive in character. Their impact on European security is no longer limited to the direct threat of land invasion. Rather, they incorporate an expanding threat to the broader political and economic relationships which undergird the prosperity and economic vitality of the industrialized world.

Accordingly, it is clear that neither

the European allies nor the U.S. can any longer afford to apply artificially restrictive criteria to the definition of North Atlantic interests. NATO may or may not concern itself with Soviet challenges beyond the strict geographical confines of the alliance; but it cannot avoid being affected by them. And it would be tragic if, at the very moment when both our allies and our potential adversaries are beginning to recognize the nature and importance of this broader security nexus, the United States were to move in the opposite direction. We cannot afford to fix our attention narrowly on a single region to the disregard of others.

Together, these three changes in the nature of Soviet military power pose an unprecedented challenge to Western defense policy. This challenge, however, must be met in an environment of limited economic resources. At a time when the costs of military manpower and technology have skyrocketed, Western governments face increasing responsibilities for the economic and social welfare of their citizens. These responsibilities, inevitably and legitimately, will compete for scarce budgetary resources.

Given these circumstances, it is not surprising to find proposals emerging that call for a radical re-

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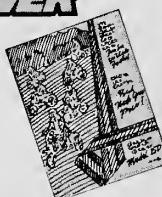
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Cost Of Living Varies Widely

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1. If you don't buy a new car or house or such major items as appliances and furniture, you obviously will experience a lower inflation rate than the index indicates. As a rough estimate, you can beat the official figures by 2 to 3 percentage points.

2. How much more you can shave will depend on how well you can cope with this year's two blockbusters—food and energy. Beef and pork prices especially will zoom because of last year's poor harvests. In all, you may well see a 15 percent hike in food prices in the first half, with possibly a slight easing in the second half. As for energy costs, 15 percent or more increase looks likely.

Meantime, remember: 1) If taxes (which are not included in the cost-of-living index) are cut, you may get enough relief to counterbalance higher Social Security costs; 2) when you buy on the installment plan, you are making very heavy interest payments; 3) if you are receiving Social Security benefits, you will get a substantial increase after midyear.

Ease Worry With These Fire-Safety Tips

This is the season when residential fires are a constant worry, especially since auxiliary heating equipment (stoves, heaters, etc.) are growing in popularity. So insurance and fire department experts remind you:

1. By far the greatest number of fatal fires occur at night. Be sure all family members know an escape route and the phone numbers of fire and police departments which should be posted on, or near, phones.

2. Smoke detectors could cut deaths by an estimated 40 percent. They're relatively inexpensive (as low as \$10), and should be placed near bedrooms.

3. Fire extinguishers (\$15 or even less) are handy for dousing small fires, especially in kitchen, garage and workshop areas. But don't expect them to save your house if a blaze gets a head start on you. Extinguishers are labeled for the type of fire they're designed to smother: "A" for wood, paper, cardboard; "B" for oil and solvents; and "C" for electrical. Usually the devices are effective on at least two types (mainly B and C), and should bear a UL (Underwriters Laboratories) stamp.

4. Escape ladders are another possibility, though some are so tricky that only an acrobat could negotiate them. If you contemplate getting one, look for a type that has a "standoff," i.e., a gadget that prevents the ladder from hugging the wall too tightly.

5. If your wood or coal stove sets the chimney on fire, don't pour water on the flames because you likely will damage the stove. Instead, call the fire department, then close dampers and louvers, and throw liberal amounts of coarse salt into the fire chamber.

Economy Has Dark And Bright Spots

Caution: Whenever people are short of money or jobs, you can expect fraudulent, get-rich-quick operators to move in. Latest has been a rash of "envelope stuffers," many located in California. The idea: You address, stuff and mail envelopes at home, hoping to pick up some extra dollars. The hitch: You have to buy the materials from the operators. Because victims can lose money on that basis, the Post Office is acting to halt the schemes.

Rosy Outlook: Although the economic climate has been uncertain, college graduates can bank on fairly plentiful job opportunities this mid-year—providing they have the right kind of education. The College Placement Council figures that hirings will be up about 10 percent this year over last in the private sector, and may be as much as 15 percent in government. But the beneficiaries will be grads with technical and business-related degrees. Holders of nontechnical sheepskins likely will have to scrounge.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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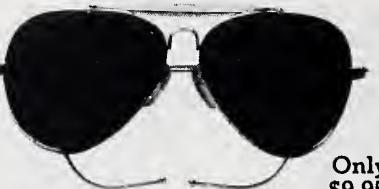
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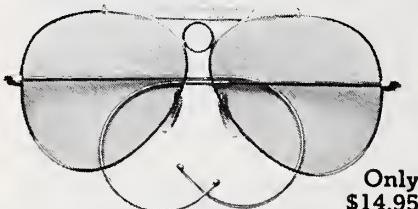
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Commander's Message

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less of our response—America has already profited from this 14-month-long ordeal.

The mood of the nation has changed. There are strong indications that our people are demanding a return to traditional values and to the dignity and pride we once felt when we said these simple words: "I am an American."

Equally important, apathetic Americans have become willing students of foreign policy. Upon learning the facts, many have been shocked into a new sense of reality. Some, who previously had no grasp of our nation's role and its responsibilities, now realize just what that role is; how awesome are those responsibilities; and how important is our capability to fulfill our commitments not only to our allies, but also to our own citizens living abroad.

Once again, Americans have learned the painful truth of the adage: "Weakness invites aggression and strength repels it." Taking advantage of what they perceived to be a weak nation with an incoherent foreign policy, Iran—a third-rate nation of virtually no international standing save its access to oil—committed a flagrant act of aggression against the United States of America and, subsequently, held our people captive for 444 days. Throughout the debacle, they mocked us and dared us to use our might.

We showed our patience and, perhaps, our greatness by not resorting to the use of force. Yet, we certainly did nothing to deter other terrorist governments from holding our nation hostage in years to come. And, in the end, we dealt as equals with a criminal government to effect our diplomats' release.

The Soviet Union is neither a paragon of international virtue nor an exemplar of human rights, and is every bit a perpetrator of the type of internal meddling which Iran decried. Yet, at this moment, it has not a single citizen held hostage in Iran or in any other country. Neither are Russia's embassies under attack. Why? In my judgment, it is because the world knows Russia will tolerate no such folly and the Soviet Union's reply to an attack would be certain, immediate and deadly. That's a deterrent—the only deterrent—terrorists understand.

I'm not suggesting that at the first sign of trouble, the Third Army should mobilize its tanks, but we should have definite procedures to follow, procedures which will rapidly escalate pressure upon a renegade nation engaging in international barbarity. We have to draw the line somewhere. A good place to start would be the revitalization of an old American slogan: "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute!" That phrase rang out in the late 1790s when Congress decided spending whatever was necessary to outfit a new navy was preferable to sending one copper coin to the Barbary States. We should renew that spirit and determine never again to make it profitable—in fact, it should prove fiscally disastrous—to hold our citizens for ransom.

We should spend whatever is necessary to ensure that America has an armed force sufficient to respond quickly and effectively anywhere freedom is threatened. Though military force should be used only to the

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extent absolutely necessary to protect our vital interests and national honor, we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that even it has a proper place in the diplomacy of a peace-loving nation. However, our vast arsenal is worthless if the whole world knows we will not use it.

We should tell those nations with whom we have diplomatic relations that we expect our embassies to be protected, and we should let them know exactly what to expect in return if American Embassies and American diplomats are not protected.

We should put the world on notice that we will not hesitate to use all of our economic clout to deprive an outlaw nation of vital supplies—including medicine and footstuffs—if they practice barbarity toward our people. And our allies—all of whom are dependent upon us in one way or

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another, and most of whom can credit their freedom to our aid in the past—should be expected to stand by our side during times of international crisis. They should know this: we consider those who are not for us to be against us—and we should neither quickly forgive nor soon forget betrayals.

Immediately, Congress should examine the security measures and procedures used in our facilities overseas to ensure their adequacy. If they are inadequate, they should be strengthened. Our response to an act of terrorism should be predetermined so it can be effected without delay or vacillation, and so our embassies will be prepared to take immediate action when under attack.

It's time to decide how far we will be pushed before we respond

"The time has come to consider a proper response to the perfidy of Russia . . ."

with other than peaceful, conciliatory gestures. We have languished on the fringes of humiliation long enough. We have elevated "being fair" into a new art form. We need a return to the nationalism of earlier years when we provided solid leadership and definiteness of purpose for the free world, while giving people at home something to be proud of.

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LEGIONNAIRE NAMED GOVERNOR . . . William A. O'Neil, a member of Treadway-Cavanaugh Post 64, East Hampton, CT, and a former Boys Stater, has been sworn in as Governor of Connecticut, succeeding Governor Ella Grasso who resigned because of health . . . O'Neil, a Korean War veteran, had served as Lt. Governor since 1979 and previously served six terms in the General Assembly, including two terms as Majority Leader.

YOUTH TO GET FIRSTHAND LOOK AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY LIFE . . . High School students in their junior year can get the chance to sample academy life firsthand, thanks to the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Academy Introduction Mission (AIM). The program this year will send about 175 Auxiliary-sponsored youths to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT for a six-day glimpse at the life of a typical fourth classman (freshman). The trip includes all transportation costs from any point in the U.S. and Puerto Rico and offers participants a chance to sample nearly every aspect of cadet life—from sailing academy sloops to marching in close order drill between classes. Eligibility requirements and further information are available from your nearest unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

NEW DATA ON VIETNAM ERA VETS RELEASED . . . A new statistical profile of the 9 million Vietnam era veterans reveals that the average age for those who served between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, is now 33.6 years. VA readjustment programs and other benefits for this youngest group of veterans amounted to \$5.5 billion during the last fiscal year while more than \$51 billion has been spent during the 16 years since the beginning of the Vietnam era. More than half that \$51 billion has been for education assistance payments. Compensation and pension payments comprise the second largest VA expenditure to Vietnam era vets, a total of \$11.6 billion through fiscal 1980 . . . The report further shows California continues to lead the nation in the number of Vietnam era vets with 1,011,000. New York State is next, with 622,000; followed by Texas, 518,000; Pennsylvania, 496,000; Ohio, 454,000 and Illinois, 436,000. Wyoming has fewer Vietnam era veterans than any other state, with 14,000.

EX-POW QUESTIONNAIRE MAILED . . . A questionnaire has been sent out to combat veterans, including some who were held captive by the enemy during WWII and Korea, that will be used to prepare a report on

how the health of these men has been affected by their war-time experiences. Prepared by the National Research Council's Division of Medical Science, the results of the questionnaire should be of benefit to all, including those who are seeking service connection for their disabilities. Recipients of the questionnaire are requested to answer it promptly, even if they are now drawing compensation.

LIBERATORS OF HITLER'S DEATH CAMPS SOUGHT . . . The United States Holocaust Memorial Council—which plans to build a museum in Washington, DC, from private donations—is organizing an international meeting in Washington to honor the WWII liberators of the Nazi concentration camps. The 50-member council originated in a 1978 Executive Order and received its congressional mandate as an agency of the Interior Dept. in 1980. For the international meeting of liberators next fall, the council is eager to contact NCOS, medics, chaplains, military photographers and war correspondents from American units that were first to arrive at the death camps. They also seek photographs and souvenirs brought home from the camps, which are to be copied and returned to the owners. Further details are available from Miles Lerman, Chairman, International Relations, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, 425 13th St., N.W., Suite 832, Washington, DC 20004.

MAJORS, LCDRS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PREFERENCE . . . Military officers who are not disabled and who retired at or above the rank of major or lieutenant commander are no longer eligible for veterans preference in federal hiring, the Office of Personnel Management has announced. The removal of veterans preference for nondisabled high ranking officers is based on the grounds that they are fully equipped to compete for federal jobs on an equal footing with civilians, OPM said. The American Legion opposed the action, noting that limitations on veterans preference in federal hiring broke the contract between the government and its citizen-soldiers codified in the Veterans Preference Act of 1944.

VA PHYSICIAN NAMED PRESIDENT'S DOCTOR . . . President Reagan's office has announced the appointment of Dr. Daniel A. Ruge as White House Physician succeeding RAdm William Lukash . . . Dr. Ruge is a neurosurgeon who had been serving as Director of Spinal Cord Injury Service of the Department of Medicine and Surgery at the Veterans Administration Central Office.

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Unlike the owners of this trash heap, The American Legion can never forget the contributions made by their WWI Founders. (Photo: Larry May, The Des Moines Register & Tribune.)

The American Legion Founders: Veteran Vanguard

"The personnel of the proposed organization have the fine texture of youth—that veritable 'cloth of gold' into which are naturally woven the bright designs of idealism, the radiant arabesques of aspirations."—St. Louis Post Dispatch quoted in The American Legion Weekly of July 18, 1919.

Paris, in the spring of 1919, was a town filled with American doughboys full of the idealism and aspirations mentioned by the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*. They were also full of impatience—and mischief—as they waited their turn to rotate back to the States. Although World War I had ended four months earlier, the process of herding the hordes of Americans off the battlefields, through the processing camps and aboard ship for the slow trip home was dragging on.

But a young Army officer with a famous name was among a handful of officers who had an idea which, they hoped, would boost sagging morale and get the troops looking beyond their battlefield experiences to the future.

Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt Jr., had joined with 19 other officers to call a meeting in Paris for the pur-



One year after the Armistice, the Legion met in Minneapolis for their first convention.

pose of forming a veterans' organization.

Sixty-two years ago this March 15, the first meeting of what was to become The American Legion was held in the American Club at 4 Rue Gabriel, Paris. The three-day meeting (later moved to the larger Cirque de Paris) laid the cornerstone for the organization just as the meeting in St. Louis three months later began assembling the building blocks of what was to become the largest veterans organization in the world.

Nobody counted the delegates who came to Paris in 1919, and the records from St. Louis are sometimes ambiguous. But the estimated 2,500 men who attended either the Paris or St. Louis Caucus, or both, formed the cadre known as the Founders of The American Legion.

Today, only 65 of those Founders are still alive. They are a dwindling group of incalculable value to present-day Legionnaires because they were there—in the beginning and through the years of struggle that form the legacy of the Legion.

Some of them, like I.K. Stevenson, current president of The Society of American Legion Founders, were there in Paris when Maj. Maurice K. Gordon of Madisonville, KY, moved to adopt the name "American Legion" for the fledgling veterans organization because it was the fifth and last choice of a committee named by "the brass" to recommend a name. His logic so delighted the assembled veterans, many of whom were enlisted men, that the name carried unanimously.

Other Founders recall the "fat medico," Sgt. Alexander Woolcott, who later became a giant among American writers; or Pvt. Harold W. Ross, one of the five-man delegation who was sent—in vain—to wait on President Woodrow Wilson and invite him to the caucus. Ross, one of the first editors of The American Legion's magazine, later left it to found, publish and edit *The New Yorker* magazine until his death.

History records that two three-man committees, separated by an ocean and half a continent, worked to draft what has been described as one of America's most important documents—the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion. What history doesn't record entirely is that



The medal of The Society of American Legion Founders, Ltd.

which is borne in the mind of one man who participated on the St. Louis committee to draft the Preamble. That man is Hamilton Fish, WWI Captain, All-American football player, Congressman from New York, honorary Past National Commander of the Legion and a Founder. Fish can tell you what history cannot—how he and a group of men with diverse backgrounds, save their WWI experience, were able to draft a document that was adopted without debate during the St. Louis Caucus and has had only one change (the addition of an *s* to *war* in the phrase "associations in the great wars") since that time.

The Founders were neither self-serving nor given to resting on their laurels. Following the St. Louis Caucus, Founders stumped across the country speaking locally to hasten the Legion's grassroots organization. The result, a scant six months following St. Louis, was an organization that sent delegates to Minneapolis for the Legion's first convention representing 684,000 paid up members.

The Founders guided the toddling Legion in its early days with firm but farsighted skills. During the St. Louis Caucus, when partisan politics threatened to wreck the proceedings, an Alabama preacher took the floor and gave a speech urging the assembled "not to feed the baby raw meat lest they destroy the Legion at its birth." The Rev. John Inzer (later National Chaplain) single-handedly crushed the threatened political division and established the Legion's stance of being nonpartisan and non-political that endures to this day.

When World War II ended, The American Legion, by then an American institution, stood ready to aid the millions of veterans returning from yet another "Great War." Those Legionnaires—still guided by the values instilled in the organization by its Founders and mindful of the fact that the federal government had virtually ignored the returning WWI veteran—vowed not to let history repeat itself. The results were foreordained: the G.I. Bill of Rights—drafted and shepherded through Congress by The American Legion—furnished the returning veteran with the most extensive package of benefits ever granted in American history.

Today, the surviving 65 Founders of The American Legion represent a group of men whose litany of accomplishments—on behalf of the Legion, the veteran and America—are impossible to fully recite. For the past 62 years, too many great men performing too many great deeds to be recounted here have built a permanent monument of service for God and Country.

Thus, the 2.6 million members of The American Legion today honor them as they have honored us. For we know that to forget what the Founders did would be to forget what the Legion stands for—and that will never happen. ■

NEWS

FOR I. LEGIONNAIRES

The Wounds That Would

"He jests at scars, that never felt a wound."

—Shakespeare

By Arthur S. Blank Jr., M.D.
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Military psychiatrists in Vietnam during the war, including this writer, were cheerfully reassuring about the psychological effects of the war on troops. In our reports and in the press, the word went out that—in contrast to WWII—psychiatric casualties were rare, thanks to the limited 12-month tour, the off-and-on nature of the combat, and new treatment methods refined during the Korean War. In fact, evacuations and hospitalizations for psychiatric reasons did remain low throughout the war.

But as early as 1970, a group of psychiatrists and psychologists led by Chaim Shatan M.D. and Robert J. Lifton M.D. in New York, first began to report important and persisting emotional stress in veterans who had successfully completed tours in Vietnam and had had no psychiatric treatment.

From that time 10 years ago, through the final painful years of the war and the return to America of the 3.5 to 4 million men and women who served in Vietnam during our longest war, through the shock of defeat and withdrawal, through our nation's effort to forget the war and the deep divisions and mistrust which it created—slowly through this past decade—our citizens and government have recognized that a substantial minority of Vietnam veterans have been deeply wounded psychologically by what happened to them in Indochina. And now, in recent months, we have finally moved to confront and deal with this major public health problem.

The best available research to date reveals that about 20 percent, or somewhere around 700,000 veterans of Vietnam, are to this day markedly impaired by the aftereffects of their war experiences. Many of them can be said to be suffering from "post-

traumatic stress disorder."

What is this psychological condition? For most of these veterans, the core symptoms are the same as those which were felt by thousands of veterans of WWII and Korea, especially combat veterans: nightmares, depression, anxiety and fear, trouble restarting peacetime living, flashbacks and feelings of detachment from others. For some individuals, there have been other manifestations of the psychological stress disorder: alcohol or drug abuse, physical conditions such as chronic headache, low back problems or ulcers. Both the acute, short-term form, and the long-lasting or "delayed" form of this syndrome have occurred in veterans of previous wars—perhaps all wars.

All warriors know the horror, the suffering, the grief of losing buddies,

basic flexibility of spirit, or special postwar help and attention from family and friends who have been able to aid the veteran in getting over the war experience. Or perhaps it's just been the ability to forget—to shut it out and keep it out and go on with normal living—an ability which some seem to have more than others.

But what happened to the others? What happened to those who, 10, 12, 14 years later, are still suffering from frequent nightmares, or are irritable every day with their children and troubled by the intense—too intense—anger which the child's natural cantankerousness brings up? Others have been stuck now for years in a dulling depression which takes the joy out of life, and takes the advancement out of their careers. Some suffer from sleep disturbances, difficulties in concentrating or other limitations on their capacity for work.

For some this has resulted in an endless cycle of unemployment; for others, repeated divorce; and for still others, years spent lost in alcoholism which could never be successfully treated because its roots in the war were never recognized.

Through the 1970s, the families and friends of these veterans, a few mental health professionals and a few government officials knew about the psychological wounds which would not heal. But either because our feelings about the Vietnam War itself were still so intense, or because we hoped that with time the problems would go away, our society was not able to take action about the situation.

That has changed, and in Operation Outreach of the VA and the Vietnam Veterans Outreach Project of the DAV, the nation is not only beginning to address the treatment needs of troubled vets, but we are beginning to pin down very clearly what factors have made the Vietnam War haunt the lives of some veterans and their families for so long.

First of all, as I heard expressed so eloquently in testimony in a court-room a few weeks ago by a retired

THE VIETNAM VETERAN

the profound fear and tension of daily living with death, the miserable living conditions and the extremes of human existence which happen in war. There is great heroism, humor, loyalty and friendship—along with great hatred, brutality, sadism and pain—much of which lies forever beyond the imagination of those who have been spared the experience of war.

And so, Vietnam veterans share the wounds and scars of war with their fathers and uncles and friends who are veterans of previous wars.

Again in the case of Vietnam, we have to ask why the emotional wounds of perhaps 80 percent of those veterans healed? Many reasons, perhaps. Maybe it's been a

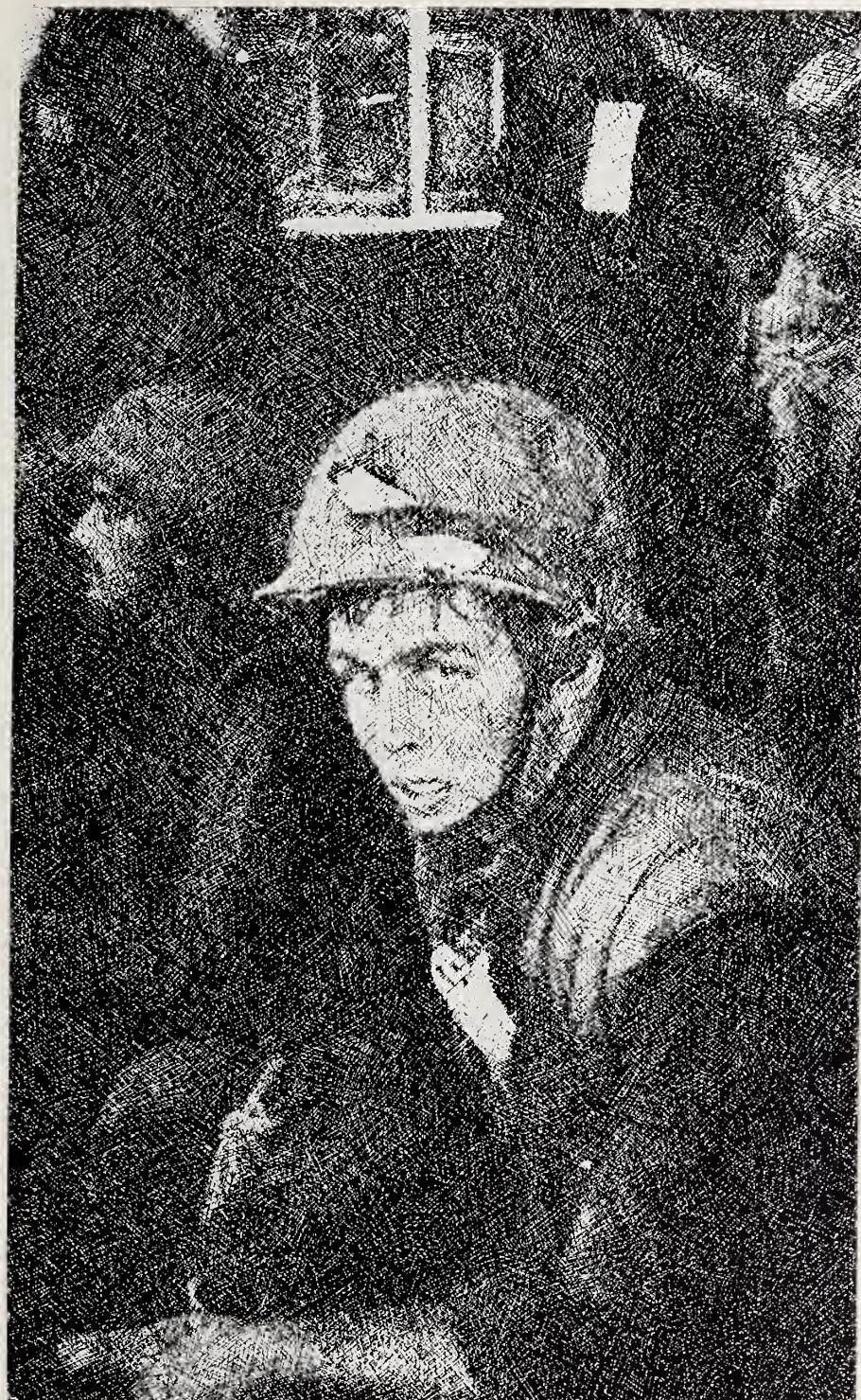
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general officer—a man who had been a battalion commander in both the Korean War and in Vietnam—the war in Vietnam *was* different. There are some things about a guerrilla war, as opposed to a conventional war, which simply cause a number of people to come unglued inside—unglued in a way that lasts and is very difficult to get over.

For many of us the deepest cut ultimately came from the atmosphere of terrorism which permeated the entire war zone. There was no safe ground and there were no safe people. Every Vietnamese person—man, woman and child, young and old—was potentially the enemy. Babies really were booby-trapped, and youngsters really did toss grenades into one's jeep. GIs worked, lived and even fought for months with Vietnamese who turned out to be working for the other side. All base camps, cities, towns, airstrips and installations established throughout the country were attacked at some time or other during the 11 years of war. Attacked also, of course, were units in the field proper and troops in "normal" combat situations. It was *all* a combat zone, the whole way through.

For those who were not in Vietnam, it is easy to dismiss this pervasive and penetrating terrorizing atmosphere—and its psychological consequences—as exaggeration. But the features of guerrilla terrorism were added to the mental challenge of combat experiences and have produced in some veterans an especially painful, deep and abiding kind of paranoid fear which we are now beginning to learn to recognize and treat.

It has also now become clear that uncertainty about the rightness or wrongness of the war itself has, for some veterans, been a major factor in producing lasting psychological disability. Now that passionate attitudes for and against the war have somewhat cooled, we have begun to see that some veterans remain sorely troubled by the nature of the Vietnam War, and that these difficulties



go beyond political differences. That is, many veterans with stress syndromes have—as part of their problems—a relentless despair that in a war which they believe to have been just and honorable, they and their comrades were not permitted to fight to win.

On the other hand, some veterans who believe that the war was wrong from the outset and an unjustified interference in the affairs of the Vietnamese, share the same kinds of despair, pain and bitterness as part of their symptoms.

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NEWS

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President and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek, respond to a standing ovation from veterans attending The American Legion's "Salute to Heroes" banquet for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC, on Inauguration Night.



Millard Pierson, left, compares his recently received Legion of Merit medal with those owned by other officers of San Antonio, TX, Post 10, Frank Culley, Ken Landland and John Lehmann. It took the Army 38 years to recognize his actions during WWII. Col. Pierson was notified of the award last summer and received the medal in the mail shortly thereafter. The Legion of Merit is the highest military award given for noncombat service. (Photo: San Antonio Express & News)

Energy Users

Each day, the average American uses the energy from 16 pounds of

coal, 3.6 gallons of oil, 240 cubic feet of natural gas, 3.8 kilowatt hours of hydroelectric power and 3.5 kilowatt hours of nuclear power.

Empire Stater is Month's Legionnaire



Edward M. Scribner

Edward M. Scribner, a member of Schoharie (NY) Post 1261 and the Dept. of New York's 1980 "Legionnaire of the Year," has been tapped as March's national "Legionnaire of the Month."

It seems 1980 was quite a year for Scribner. Besides being named New York's "Legionnaire of the Year," at their Dept. Convention, he was also elected Dept. Vice Cdr. for the Third and Fourth Districts, an area encompassing 18 of New York's 62 counties. At the same Convention, he was cited for his Post publication, "TWELVE-SIXTY-ONE," as its founder and editor for 28 years.

Nor did the awards for Scribner stop there in 1980. His hometown of Schoharie honored his 50 years of service to the local all-volunteer fire department (of which he served 12 years as chief) by naming him Grand Marshal of its "Old Home Day" parade and dedicating the three-day observance in his name.

He joined Post 1261 three days following his discharge from the Army Air Force in 1945. He has served in virtually every elected capacity at the Post level and, in 1959, was honored by his Post with an honorary Life Membership. In addition, Edward Scribner is a member of numerous local and state civic organizations.

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

Tommy E. Jones, WV Department Commander (1951-52), Department Vice Commander (1950-51), Department Adjutant (1952-1980).

Patrick T. Milloy, ND National Executive Committeeman (1964-72), Department Commander (1948-49), Department Vice Commander (1946-47).

Frank Herbert Bragg, Jr., NH Department Commander (1974-75), Department Vice Commander (1972-73).

Bernard M. Snyder, NY Department Vice Commander (1940-41).

Waldo Curtis "Tom" Sawyer, National Vice Commander (1941-42), AZ National Executive Committeeman (1940), Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1935-40, 1940-42), Department Commander (1934-35).

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given. Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices should be received at least five months before scheduled reunion. No written letter necessary to get form.

Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

Army

- 4th Cavalry (July-Lincoln, NE). John W. Keith, 701 W. 58th, North Little Rock, AR 72118 (501) 753-3635
- 5th Engr. Combat Vets. (WWII) (July-Middleburg Hts., OH). George V. Tavani, 373 S. Rocky River Dr., Berea, OH 44017 (216) 234-9690
- 7th Div. Assn. (WWI) (May-Eatontown, NJ). Hobart H. Young, 1113-B Argyll Cir., Lakewood, NJ 08701 (201) 477-5969
- 13th Airdrome Sq., 13th Air Force (WWII) (July-Lancaster, PA). Andy Lawrence, Box 124, Gap PA 17527 (717) 442-4426
- 17th Bomb Group (M) (Oct-Orlando, FL). Ken Beals, 4334 Galloway Ln., Lakeland, FL 33805 (813) 858-1891
- 23d General Hospital (June-Rochester, MN). Ervin O. Granrud, 1122 15th Ave. S, Grand Forks, ND 58201 (701) 775-8394
- 24th Avn. Co., 26th AAA Bn., 6th Tank Bn., 5th RCT., 24th Inf. Div., (Aug-St. Louis, MO). Howard R. Lumsden, 167 Hickory St., Wood River, IL 62095 (618) 259-5771
- 28th Signal Co., 28th Inf. Div. (WWII) (Sept-Luxembourg). Richard W. Brookins, 256 Cinnabar Rd., Rochester, NY 14617 (716) 342-4343
- 36th Inf. Div. Assn. (Aug-San Antonio, TX). Leonard Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 75228 (214) 328-5589
- 49th Ftr. Sq. Assn. (P-38, WWII) (Aug-Indianapolis, IN). S.D. Huff, 3200 Chetwood Dr., Del City, OK 73115 (405) 677-2683
- 62d Armored Field Arty. Assn. (July-Lynchburg,

VA). John R. Howerton, 9988 Live Oak, Fontana, CA 92335 (714) 822-9579

75th Troop Carrier Sq. (WWII) (July-Nashville, TN). Robert C. Richards, 139 Kiser Dr., Tipp City, OH 45371 (513) 667-3827

79th, 697th, 698th Field Artillery Bns. (July-Savannah, GA). Edward C. Smith, 2416 New York Ave., Savannah, GA 31404 (912) 234-4890

80th Div. Vets. Assn. (Aug-Philadelphia, PA). Tom Clark, 3882 Alberta Pl., Philadelphia, PA 19154 (215) 637-0421

88th Engr. Hv. Pon. Bn. (Aug-Rochester, NY). George Parcells, 406 Sagamore Dr., Rochester, NY 14617 (716) 342-4828

101st CA AA Bn. (July-Bainbridge, GA). Lee D. Johnson, 1440 Blue Rd., Coral Gables, FL 33146 (305) 666-3025

104th U.S. Inf. Regt. Vets. Assn. (April-Chicago, MA). Roger R. Hemond, 104th Inf. Vets Assn., 97 Pondview Dr., Chicago, MA 01020 (413) 593-9512

107th AAA AW Bn. (July-Columbia, SC). W. Thad Davis, P.O. Box 726, Dillon, SC 29536 (803) 774-2333

127th AAA Bn. Assn. (Sept-Omaha, NE). William J. Ring, 127-AAA Gun Bn., P.O. Box 6422, Omaha, NE 68106 (402) 553-7619

190th F.A. Group Assn. (WWII) (July-Monroeville, PA). Wes Duttinger, P.O. Box 111, Sunbury, PA 17801 (717) 286-2708

202d F.A. Bn. (Aug-Muskogee, OK). Theo Smith, R 1, Box 85, Pendleton, SC 29670 (803) 646-7394

209th CA (AA) & affiliated Units (WWII & Korean Vets) (May-Rochester, NY). Paul E. Haney, 3 Tacoma St., Rochester, NY 14613 (716) 458-4495

241st, 31st Engr. Bns. (WWII) (July-Little Falls, NY). Gerald Stone, 507 Lake St., Herkimer, NY 13350 (315) 866-5447

338th Engr. General Serv. Regt. (July-Huntington, WV). Lawrence Fultz, 505 Kenwood Dr., Russell, KY 41169 (606) 836-4689

369th EASR Shore Bn. (Ft. Flagler, WA, Desert Rock, NV) (June-Missoula, MT). Harvey Olson, 8815 LaSalle Way, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 728-1684

448th AAA AW Bn. (WWII) (June-Columbus, OH). Ike Kendall, Box 1, Silver Lake, IN 46982 (219) 352-2864

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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Mervin L. Rush, Edward A. Sweeney (1980), Post 194, Kelseyville, CA

Frank A. Farley, Russell C. Smith (1980), Post 45, South Meriden, CT

Raymond A. Booth, Floyd F. Pelough, Joseph B. Wightman (1978), Post 123, Sanibel, FL

Joseph A. McKenzie (1979), J.O. Monroe, Chester Dal-Ponte, Paul E. Slezak (1980), Post 170, Three Rivers, MI

Herman Hohlen, Watler Johnson, Don Larsen, Weldon Schulze, Roger A. Tarnowski (1980), Post 112, Elk River, MN

Ross Dodd, Lynn J. Bohannon, George W. McDonald, Charles H. Carlson (1980), Post 240, Richland, MO

C.B. Laune, Frank A. Lohry, Otto Olson, Carl H. Panzer, William G. Rogers, David L. Root (1980), Post 129, Ashland, NE

Warren E. Cochran (1980), Post 155, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

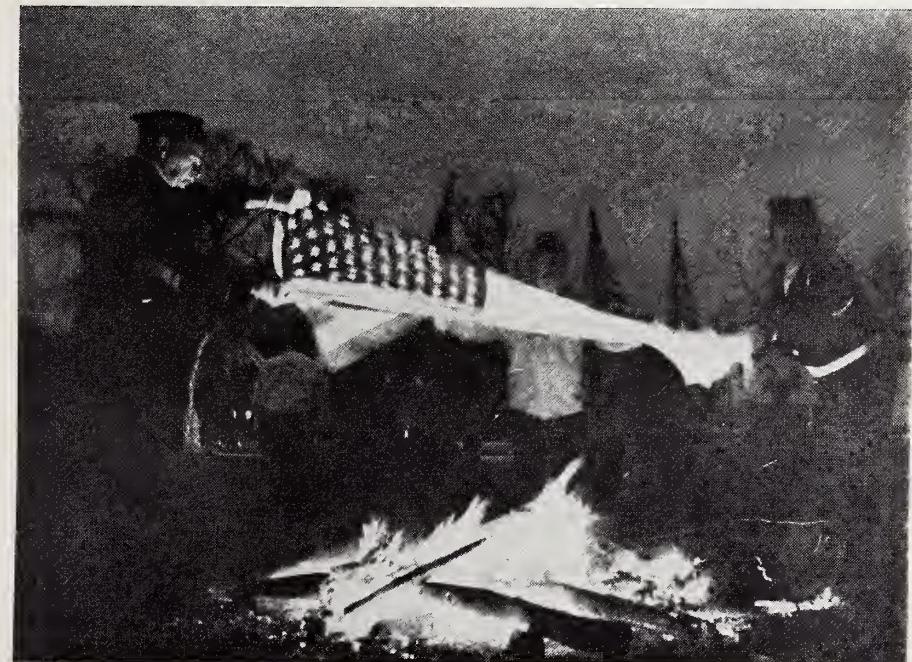
Joseph A. Berthold, Ralph L. Tector (1976), John F. Deep (1978), Martin J. Lutz, Frank H. Rohmeyer (1980), Post 229, Utica, NY

Richard J. Mattice (1980), Post 1353, Rochester, NY

Minor Adams Lentz (1980), Post 65, Statesville, NC

George A. Reitlinger, Frank Roesch, George D. Rupert, James W. Thompson, Pearce Wells, Gordon E.P. Wright, Michael Yessem, Oren E. Lauster, Alfred Hasinger, Ira M. Henry, Tomer Guthrie, Mitchell Lloyd (1978), Post 654, Ford City, PA

Life Memberships are accepted for publication only on an official form, which we provide. Reports received only from Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer of Post which awarded the life membership.



As they have for the past five years, members of Post 1033, Cordova, IL, held a flag burning ceremony at dusk on Veterans Day. The ceremonial burning of more than 1,000 flags includes a 21-gun salute and demonstrates the proper way to dispose of worn, ragged and faded American flags. Participating in the ritual are, from left, Past Cdr. Bob Zimmerman, Gary Fornero and Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Cook.

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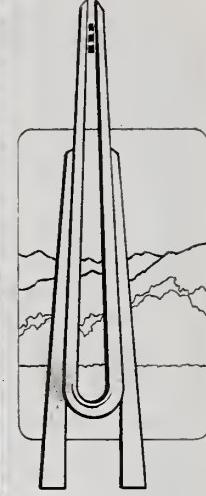
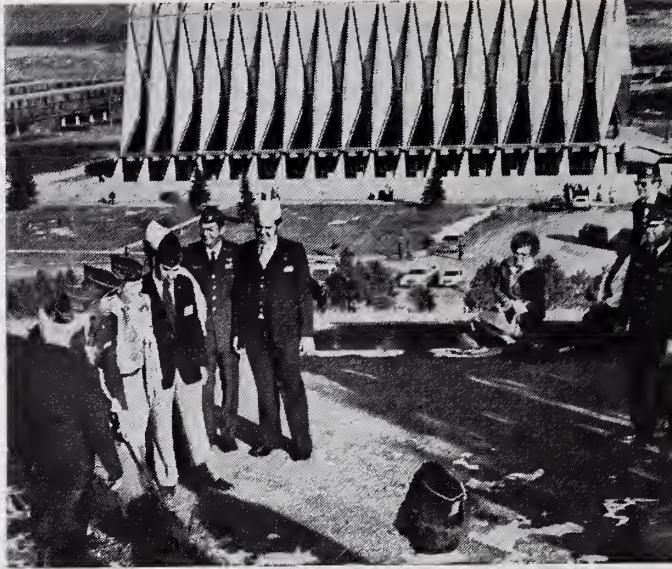
OUTFIT REUNIONS

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- 454th Bomb Sq., 323rd Bomb Grp., 9th A.F. (B-26 Marauders) (July). Joe Havrilla, 1208 Margaret St., Munhall, PA 15120 (412) 461-6373
- 490th Bomb Sq. (June-Louisville, KY). Charles W. Gray, 12 Canterbury Dr., Louisville, KY 40220 (502) 456-6280
- 552d MP Escort Guard Co. (Aug-Philadelphia, PA). Joseph T. Meyer, 56 Harris St., Patchogue, NY 11772 (516) 475-4438
- 557th AAA Bn. Assn. (May-Hagerstown, MD). Louis E. Edell, 2904 Oakcrest Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234 (301) 668-3501
- 728th R.O.B. (June-Indianapolis, IN). Fred Stucy, 307 S. Webster Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219 (317) 359-0215
- 734th Ord. Co., 34th Inf. Div. (WWII) (June-Minneapolis, MN). William Tangen, 9509 3rd Ave. S, Bloomington, MN 55420 (612) 881-1214
- 791st AAA A/W Bn. (Aug-Milwaukee, WI). Milton J. McRae, N89W6846 Evergreen Ct., Cedarburg, WI 53012 (414) 375-1292
- 808th Tank Destroyer Bt. (July-Roanoke, VA). Gerald C. Walker, 2801 Guilford Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015 (703) 774-4929
- 977th Sig. Ser. Co. (Allied Force HQ., Italy, 1944-45) (May-Fresno, CA). Chet Christensen, 1355 Safford, Fresno, CA 93728 (209) 486-0648
- 982d Ordnance Co. (July-Chattanooga, TN). Ralph Hammontree, 113 Passons Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37415 (615) 877-1027
- 1252d Engr. Co. (July-Springfield, IL). Alfred H. Berck, 1019 W. Franklin St., Taylorville, IL 62568 (217) 824-6486
- "Anti-Tank Co.", 134th Inf., 35th Div. (Sept-Sioux City, IA). Joe Peitz, Hartington, NE 68739
- "A" Btry., 125th F.A. Bn. (Camp Rucker, AL 1951-52) (Aug-Ormsby, MN). Irene Dougherty, 624 6th Ave. S, St. James, MN 56081 (507) 375-5374
- "B" Btry., 456th AAA AW Bn. (WWII) (May-Newark, OH). Tony DiGiandomenico, 2359 Ryan Rd., Newark, OH 43055 (614) 522-4272
- "C" Btry., 67th AAA (July-Niles, OH). Howard Wolf, 610 W. River Blvd., Newton Falls, OH 44444 (216) 872-1467
- "C" Btry., 601st F.A. Bn. (Aug-Colorado Springs, CO). Virgil N. Becker, RR 2, Wolcottville, IN 46795 (219) 854-2307
- "HQ" Btry., IX Corps Arty. (WWII) (June-Buford, GA). Marvin A. Powell, Rt 1, Montrose, GA 31065 (912) 376-4401
- "B" Co., 818th Tank Destroyer Bn. (July-Jamestown, NY). Robert Sprague, R.D. 1, Box 616, Falconer, NY 14733 (716) 665-3291
- "C" Co., 202d Engr. Combat Bn. (WWII) (July-York, PA). Clark F. Spangler, 1453 Bonbar Rd., York, PA 17403 (717) 843-5224
- "C" Co., 737th Tank Bn. (July-Anderson, IN). Max R. Whitaker, 4405 W. Burton Dr., Muncie, IN 47304
- "D" Co., 1610th Inf., 40th Div. (July-El Paso, TX). Victor A. Peter, 4907 Holly Park Dr., Pasadena, TX 77505 (713) 487-2106
- "E" Co., 167th Inf., 31st Div. (June-Guntersville, AL). Jessie C. Walden, 4211 Morrow St., Guntersville, AL 35976 (205) 582-5844
- "E" Co., 187th Para. Gl. Inf., 11th A/B Div. (WWII Orig. Members) (May-Albany, NY). Pat Kenny, 213 Myrtle St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (803) 448-5560
- "G" Co., 119th Inf., 30th Div. (Sept-Columbus, OH). Richard Earl, Box 288, Union City, PA 16438 (814) 438-3940

Navy

- 21st NCB (Midwest) (July-Lake Texoma, OK). Johnny Johnson, 4300 Conely, Odessa, TX 79762
- 114th NCB, 627th, 628th, 629th CBMU (Sept-Rapid City, SD). Robert L. Roseland, Box 148, Piedmont, SD 57769
- 115th NCB (WWII) (July-Scranton, PA). Edward C. Plummer, 5023 E. Naomi St., Indianapolis, IN 46203 (317) 359-6990
- Aviation Boatswain Mates Assn. (July-San Diego, CA). Willie R. Gann, 1350 15th St., Imperial Beach, CA 92032 (714) 423-7462
- Comair, 7th Fleet Staff (1943-45) (Oct-Great Lakes, IL). Lester J. Harman, 473 Michigamme Ln., Lake Forest, IL 60045 (312) 234-3675
- LST 288 (July-Hartford, CT). Edward R. Aldrich, 1086 Main St., South Glastonbury, CT 06073 (203) 633-4890
- United States Submarine Vets. (WWII) (Sept-Sacramento, CA). James E. Haywood, 6523 San Joaquin St., Sacramento, CA 95820 (916) 456-1787



Ground-breaking ceremonies were recently held for The Dept. of Colorado's Memorial Tower at the United States Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs. Air Force and Legion officials, including Natl. Cdr. Kogutek, participated in the ceremonies for the tower (shown at right in an artist's conception) which will be located on a knoll overlooking the Cadet Chapel. Colorado Legion officials hope to have the tower in place by March 15, the Legion's birthday, with official dedication ceremonies to be held on May 30. (Photo by Sandy Sandoval).

- USS Admiral W.S. Benson (AP-120) Assn. (July-Canton, OH). John Ondak, 3321 W. 85th, Chicago, IL 60652 (312) 776-2979
- USS Alcor (Aug-Cedar Rapids, IA). Joe Spielbauer, Volga, IA 52077 (319) 767-2275
- USS Bangust (DE 739) (June-Newport News, VA). Charles G. Vonderau, 4124 Plymouth Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109
- USS Beale (Aug-Lebanon, IN). Charles F. Taylor, RR 2, Box 45, Thorntown, IN 46071 (317) 482-2093
- USS Cascade (AD-16, 1951-54) (July-Lamoure, ND). Leroy J. Siedschlag, Berlin, ND 58415 (701) 883-5543
- USS Enterprise (CV-6) (July-Miami, FL). Ed Doss, S. Forrest Rd., Westport, WA 98395 (206) 268-4427
- USS Kenton (APA 122) (Aug-Indianapolis, IN). Stanley I. Parks, 4718 San Diego Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46241 (317) 856-7900
- USS Kraken (SS 370) (Sept-Sacramento, CA). Loyd G. Hintz, 6261 Dayman St., Long Beach, CA 90815 (213) 596-7057
- USS Melville (AD-2) (July-Lake Charles, LA). James H. West, 4 Melbourne Ln., Greenville, SC 29615
- USS Oklahoma Assn. (Apr-Annapolis, MD). Clarence Q. Knight, 7831 Aberdeen Rd., Bethesda, MD 20014 (301) 652-3274
- USS Osterhaus (DE 164) (Aug-Ogden, UT). Raymond Farris, 9021 Ohio Pl., Highland, IN 46322
- USS P.C.E. (R) 855 (July-Oshkosh, WI). Del Piel, 575 Norton Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901 (414) 426-5372
- USS Pennsylvania (July-Baton Rouge, LA). Sheran Fontenot, Rt. 4, Box 236, Baker, LA 70714 (318) 774-7957
- USS Pennsylvania, 6th Div. (June-Nashville, TN). Claude Griffith, Rt. 14, Box 325, Gray, TN 37615 (615) 753-2764
- USS Sargo (SS 180) (Sept-Sacramento, CA). William R. Wolfe, 5408 Siebert Rd., Norfolk, VA 23509 (804) 853-5750
- USS Snapper (SS 185) (Sept-Sacramento, CA). Eugene J. Wilson, 1524 Raul Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89030
- USS Wasp (CV-7) Stinger Club (July-Hot Springs, AR). Jack Butler, 6210 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901 (501) 525-8301
- USS Yew (YN-32) (June-Bristol-Levittown, PA). Charles Theobold, RR 1, Box 158, Rock Hall, MD 21661 (301) 639-7530

Air Force

- 9th Service Sq., 321st Serv. Grp., 13th Air Force (June-Shreveport, LA). Ivon Scroggs, 6420 El Rancho Dr., Shreveport, LA 71129 (318) 687-5052
- 10th Air Depot Grp. Assn. (Aug-Dayton, OH). William V. Bowman, 3844 Waterbury Dr., Dayton, OH 45439 (513) 299-2775
- 47th Bomb Group (May). George McElhoe, 6694 Nelson St., Arvada, CO 80004
- 58th Bomb Wing Assn. (July-Milwaukee, WI). Clarence M. Miller, 6839 N. 99th St., Milwaukee, WI 53224 (414) 353-8039
- 65th Troop Carrier Sq. (WWII) (Aug-Winston-Salem, NC). Bud Hawkey, 106 Union Dr., New Madison, OH 45346 (513) 996-3851
- 371st Fighter Group Pilots (May-Orlando, FL). Edward J. DiMarzo, 1224 N. Krome Ave., Homestead, FL 33030 (305) 247-4178
- P-40 Warhawk Fighter Pilots (July). John Baldwin, 3708 San Joaquin, Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702) 876-5863
- P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots (May). Edward J. DiMarzo, 1511 NE 11th St., Homestead, FL 33033 (305) 247-4178

Marines

- Marine Barracks, (Klamath Falls, OR). July-Klamath Falls, OR). Bob Rienhart, 3810 Coronado Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 (503) 883-1215

Coast Guard

- USS Pettit (DE 253) (Aug-Buffalo, NY). Donald Kahler, Rd. 3, Muncy, PA 17756 (717) 546-5354

Miscellaneous

- American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor (April-Las Vegas, NV). Ralph Levenberg, P.O. Box 337, Henderson, NV 89015 (702) 565-7130
- Aviation Ordancemen, Assn. of (June-Reno, NV). Thomas D. Robins, 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 378-0440
- Bishop Wright Air Industry Awards (April). Rev. Marlin L. Bowman, The Protestant Chapel, John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430 (212) 656-5693
- China-Burma-India Vets. Assn. (August). Howard Gibson, 3241 Dairydale Ct., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

The Wounds

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Thus, our regular experience in rap groups now is that the political disagreements, though still real and important, can be transcended in the search for a common healing outcome.

A third major factor which has caused the perpetuation of stress syndrome in Vietnam veterans came about when the veteran returned home. Many veterans came home to friends, family and community who lacked the capacities to help in the emotional debriefing process which all war veterans need to some extent.

Because of the seemingly endless exposure to the war on television, or the deep divisions which came into our society over the war, or because so much of the civilian population was discouraged by the fact that so little was accomplished and so much lost, many people to whom the veteran returned could not stand to hear any more about Vietnam. By the end, at least as many people opposed the war as supported it.

American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending December 31, 1980

\$1,269.57 paid—age at death 51. Cause of Death	
ski accident. Total premiums paid: \$46.	
Benefits Paid January 1, 1980	
December 31, 1980	\$ 3,222,032
Total Interest Paid for 1980	\$ 7,595.68
Basic Units In Force (Number)	236,000
Benefits Paid Since April, 1958	\$34,377,762
New Applications Approved	
Since January 1, 1980	4,154
New Applications Declined	2,018
New Applications Suspended	1,1917
(Applicants failed to return health form)	

"Effective January 1, 1981, a 20 percent 'across the board' increase in benefits will be extended through December 31, 1981."

The American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1958. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Effective Jan. 1, 1980, death benefits ranged from \$80,000 (8 units through age 29, 25 in Ohio) in decreasing steps to \$125 ($\frac{1}{2}$ unit at age 75 or over). Previously, maximum was 6 units. This protection is available throughout life, as long as the annual premium is paid, the insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to eight units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words "American Legion." Administered by The American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60680, to which write for further details.

Many Americans were, or still are, sad and regretful about what happened in Vietnam: the pro-war folks because we did not win, and the anti-war folks because we were there at all. They have had their own wounds to heal, with not much left over with which to help the veteran work it out.

I must most emphatically add that many psychologists, psychiatrists and other counselors—with a few exceptions—have, until very recently, not been able to help those Vietnam veterans who needed to talk out the war. These professionals, too, have not been able to face it.

The hitch has been that for most Vietnam veterans with a stress syndrome, a true recovery has to include revisiting and re-experiencing, to some extent, the events which were lived through in Indochina. They must be remembered before they can be forgotten, sometimes in painstaking detail.

That need for talking it out will be instantly recognized by many veterans of other wars. It is part of the normal recovery process. Since the mental health field has had such a hard time providing the context for that, the Outreach Centers have been created as places where Vietnam veterans, their families, friends and other veterans can honestly—and with feelings—bring the buried past into the present and make it a constructive part of the future.

The core of the psychological difficulties which some Vietnam vets are now struggling to recover from is the same as in veterans from other wars. The trauma of combat, the encounters with death, horror, mutilation and suffering were the same. Some veterans of WWII and Korea to this day are fighting the same struggle.

In fact, it is our hope that through the concentrated attention which we professionals, community workers, Vietnam veterans and friends are now directing toward stress disorder in Vietnam veterans, we shall inspire the Veterans Administration and the nation at large to a deeper understanding of the problems, strengths and wisdom of all veterans of war, and to a more sensitive appreciation of the ways in which returned warriors can fully contribute to a happier and more peaceful society. ■

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. Is there a minimum disability rating a veteran must have in order to be eligible to receive VA vocational rehabilitation assistance?

A. A veteran must have a service connected disability of at least 10 percent for basic eligibility. Other requirements are a discharge or release under other than dishonorable conditions and a need for vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of the disability.

Q. I am attending school under the GI Bill. I have been referred to the Veterans Administration by my training facility because of unsatisfactory progress. Is counseling mandatory in my case?

A. Under present guidelines, a claims examiner reviews a veteran's situation to assess whether he may be permitted to continue in his training program. A veteran has the option of requesting counseling as a means of resolving an unsatisfactory progress issue.

Q. I receive a VA widow's pension and I recently started receiving Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI). Am I required to report this additional income to VA?

A. Yes. Even though public assistance such as SSI is not considered income for VA pension purposes, you should report it and all other changes in your income to VA.

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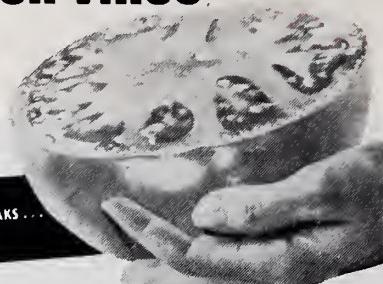
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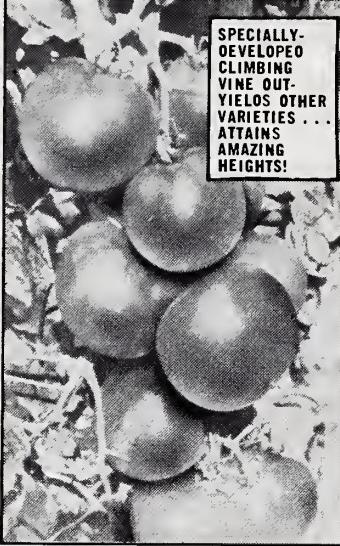
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these pregnant and pertinent questions:

"How will one go about setting up a testing program for Amharic-speaking or Khmer-speaking students," Greenblatt said, "when tests are not available in these languages to begin with? The difficulty of finding teachers fluent in such languages is considerable. How will we define a 'qualified' teacher?"

There were no answers to these barbed blockbusters, for the excellent reason that no answers exist. How, you may be asking yourself about here, has Montgomery County been handling its problem of educating aliens? Why, by putting them in so-called "cluster centers" in which the foreign students, according to Spotlight, are "provided intensive instruction in English language skills" until they've learned English well enough to go into the regular school program. That makes sense.

I'm glad this particular school system has its back up because it's a major suburb of Washington, DC, and has more children of foreign diplomats sitting in its classrooms than any other district in the country. If it finds "bilingual education" impossible to implement, then so will all the other districts.

Would YOU willingly supply through a hefty increase in your taxes the umpteen thousands of dollars which this act of utter idiocy would entail? How is this federally mandated addiction successfully treated? By total withdrawal and refusal to pay for it. I strongly recommend both treatments.

Just think: if some kids (25 or more) enroll in your neighborhood school speaking only Latvian or Spanish, or Vietnamese, you've somehow—somewhere—got to find and pay a credentialed instructor who, using properly translated, state-approved textbooks printed in the children's mother tongue, can teach "Junior" in that same language.

A century ago, the Babel of tongues issuing from the millions who poured out of steerage through Ellis Island became one language—English—within a single generation. No nonsense then about "bilingual education." Their children were taught by English-speaking teachers using textbooks printed in English. And they learned!

The alternative then was the Balkanization of this country. This lone

option hasn't changed.

Why? Because one simply cannot participate in the American political process or react viably to the changing American scene or yet respond responsibly to American national or local emergencies unless he uses English as his mother tongue. That fatal phrase mouthed so facilely by today's educational establishment—"English as a second language"—is fraught with peril for the whole future of the Great Republic. A "second language," English simply isn't—not in these United States, anyway.

And to those who ask how in the world we can teach Cuban and Vietnamese and Haitian kids in English, I have a simple question: "How in the world did our ancestors teach German and Scandinavian and Italian kids in English?"

They did, you know. What they could do in the 1880s with millions of non-English speakers, we can do in the 1980s with a few thousand.

The trouble with bilingual education is that its advocates gussy it all up with such terminology as "cultural change," "demographic movements," "home-language immersion," and all that jazz. It becomes the wave of the future instead of a return to job discrimination and virtual peonage.

For a change, the nation's foremost educational associations are opposing the Department of Education unanimously in this fight for simple sanity. The National School Boards Association, blanching at the mere idea of what this proposed leap into incredible folly would cost, is foremost in the fray.

Their point: the 1974 high court decision didn't go into methods at all. It said merely that not being able to understand English would constitute an "impermissible handicap" for a student and that the schools would have to do something about it. The judges left the choice of methods up in the air. The "air" turned out to be the hot air of the Washington bureaucrats. They have now put out regulations requiring one method only: bilingual education. Outlawed are such alternative methods as intensive English language instruction for the newcomers, which Montgomery County was using until it got sandbagged.

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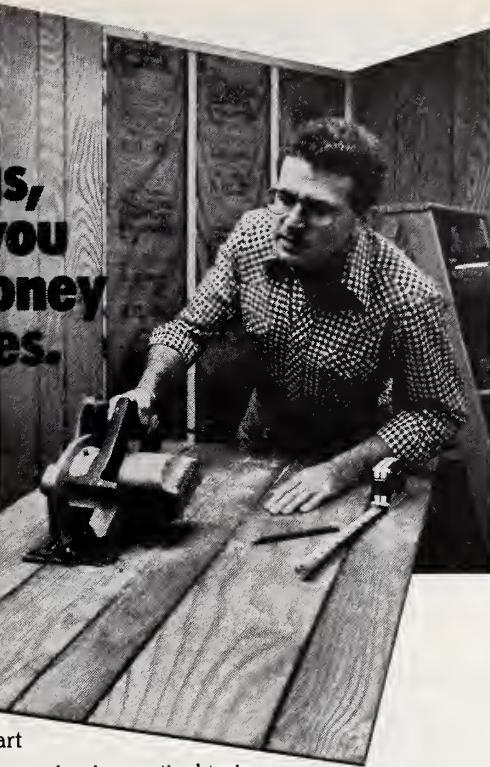
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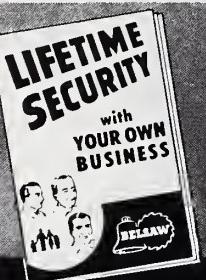
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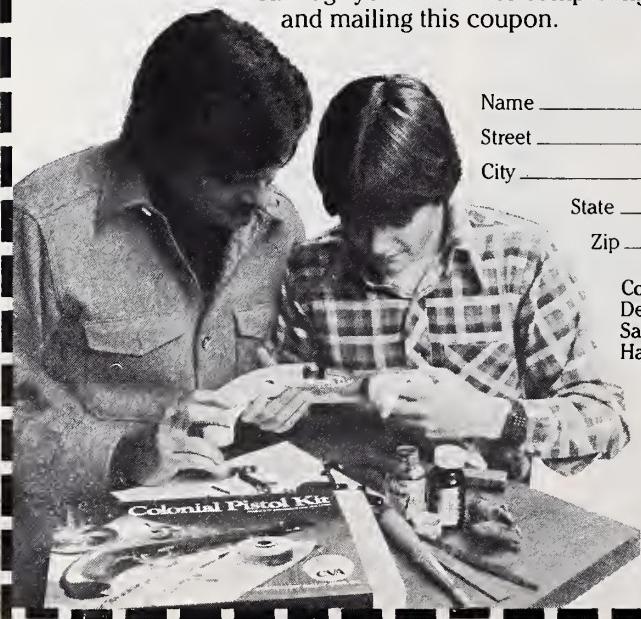
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Today, the federal government violates the wishes of the states all over the map every time it opens confidential pupil records to noneducators, every time it dictates bilingual education, every time it does one heck of a lot of things.

What the federal government needs so badly is a lot less power—not a lot more. The encroachments have come mainly from the judiciary branch of the government, with help from the bureaucrats of the executive branch. There's not much any President will be able to do about the former in the immediate future, but there's a lot that can be done about the latter. And one of the first things that ought to be done is to rescind the "bilingual regulations" completely.

When you move into a foreign country with a different language from yours, you expect to have trouble communicating at first. But you can't expect that country to spend itself into bankruptcy teaching you to speak its language. After all, it didn't entice you to become a resident. Immigrating was YOUR idea. So the burden of learning the new language falls upon you—or should.

What our politicians and appointed officials need to understand once and for all is that there's a limit to goodies we can give to the wide, wide world; a limit to how much money we can spend; a limit to the wild-hare, do-gooder "projects" we can finance.

EDITORS NOTE:

In 1975 The American Legion adopted a resolution advocating that English be the primary language taught in our nation's schools. This position as it relates to bilingual education was reaffirmed by the National Americanism Commission in May 1980.

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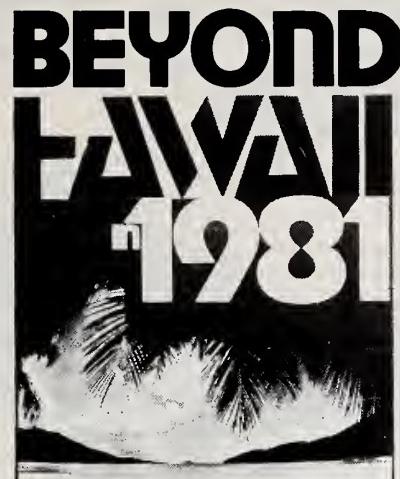
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The Compleat Cruciverbalist, by Stan Kurzban and Mel Rosen. VAN NOSTRAND REINHOLD Co., PUB., \$9.95. Whether you want to solve crossword puzzles or think your pleasure will be found in composing them, this could be the guide that will make both much easier, and more fun, too.

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Balancing The NATO Triad

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configuration of NATO's strategic doctrine and posture, concentration on one or another component of our NATO Triad, or more extensive reliance on novel technology as an alternative to the increasingly expensive, but nevertheless essential, traditional military capabilities.

Certainly, we cannot afford to dismiss such proposals out of hand. Strategy must evolve or court sterility. We will understandably rely on technology to bear an increasing share of the burden of sustaining a high level of military preparedness. Electronics in particular will continue to enhance our combat capabilities by giving our forces responsiveness and flexibility. But we cannot delude ourselves into believing that there is some logical, cheap solution to maintaining a stable military balance.

It is clear that, in the face of increasingly multiplex Soviet capabilities, nothing less than a balanced Western military posture will adequately assure either the deterrence of war or the alliance unity upon which such deterrence critically depends.

What is required today above all else is balance.

We must work to achieve:

- Balance in our evaluations of the nature and implications of the threat.
- Balance in our attention to the requirement of deterrence on the one hand and of pure war-fighting capability on the other.
- Balance in our capacity to react swiftly and with sufficient strength to aggression, and to sustain operations for as long as the aggression persists.
- Balance in the regional allocation of effort, recognizing that the alliance has flanks as well as a center, and that all must be considered a single entity if both unity and deterrence are to be maintained.
- Balance in the improvement of our forces quantitatively and qualitatively, avoiding over-reliance on attractive but transient technological advantages.
- Balance in our recognition that coalition security requires a fair apportionment of the risks of the failure of deterrence among our partners.
- Balance in our concern for an equitable sharing of security burdens on one hand, and for our own irreducible interest in a Europe free of Soviet domination on the other.

• And, finally, balance among the major components of the NATO Triad (American, French and U.K. strategic nuclear power, allied regional nuclear power, and conventional land, sea and air power), recognizing that today it is the interdependence among these components which constitutes NATO's fundamental deterrent strength.

To urge balance in our approach to European security is to recognize implicitly that there will be legitimate disagreements concerning the optimum allocation of defense resources. These will involve disagreements among the members of the alliance and within the security establishments of the individual nations themselves.

To the extent that these disagreements promote clearer analysis of our



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requirements and more innovative approaches to meeting them, NATO can only benefit. But that benefit is assured only if consultation is both extensive and meaningful. Our allies will accept—indeed, they solicit—American creativity; but they will not accept American dictation. Nor, for that matter, is there any reason to suppose that we have a corner on

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good ideas. To survive, NATO must be collective in fact, not merely in appearance.

Maintaining a confident NATO military posture is by no means beyond our grasp, notwithstanding the economic pressures under which we all labor. Required only are the willingness to establish clear priorities and the determination to follow through on them.

While this improved utilization of existing resources is vital, the most efficient resource management possible will not compensate for a serious imbalance of raw military resources on the ground. Nothing the European commanders can do will compensate for insufficient levels of manpower and equipment. For these basic resources we must rely on the vigorous and active support of NATO's member governments, and of the citizens they represent.

The additional effort required is not unmanageable. It does not involve massive increases in manpower and equipment. Rather, it requires adequate support for those forces already committed to a European security mission, together with modest but important improvements in those areas in which we are most clearly vulnerable.

Nor are the costs involved extraordinary. Clearly, it would be preferable to avoid these costs. But in the absence of equitable and verifiable negotiated reductions, we have no alternative but to meet them.

In the final analysis, the West must recognize that it cannot indefinitely permit Soviet military investment to outpace Western efforts in Europe or elsewhere without risk to its vital security interests.

It must be clearly understood that the interests at stake are not exclusively European. They are also American interests. Our commitment to the security of Western Europe is no act of charity, but simply a reflection of the inextricable link between their security and our own. For over 30 years this link has preserved the peace in a region in which tension and war were once endemic and in which Americans have twice found it necessary to shed their own blood.

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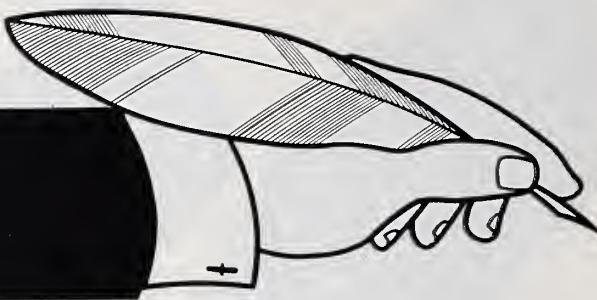
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 2 and the great sum of those specie dollars are to get
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 4 place this sum upon the same footing as the
 5 states, and at once to raise \$100 per cent, putting \$1750,000
 6 to the pockets of these fraudulent specie dealers
 7 look to this my friends let the scrip rest on
 8 its own body whether Congress has placed it.
 9 you not believe that such an action
 10 the Secretary of your Treasury would allow
 11 you & your administration to fight.
 12 But again I am informed this is a sham
 13 which I have a right to complain of and is a man
 14 of much truth himself - that the late cashier
 15 of the Treasury died for the short time he was
 16 the head of it, made nearly thousand dollars by
 17 arrangements with the two brokers Banks of
 18 New York where large sums of the collection
 19 was deposited in other deposit banks in which
 20 Enquiry continually amongst the clerks of the
 21 city of Washington, by which you will find a
 22 key that my unlock the door to a proper arra-
 23 - but an enquiry by the messenger prepared for
 24 you should Mr. Walker have the folly to
 25 have any thing to do with another of these
 26 whomrible projects - I say to your further
 27 - to upon their both, of your & your Secretary
 28 will be known by high - And at the same time
 29 corrupt specie dealers for your or his character if they
 30 can get hold of the cash - I can venture more upon
 31 - ship has caused me to make the attempt - If friend

Andrew Jackson

This letter written by Andrew Jackson will illustrate how handwriting analysis is done.

Use of Paper: He used the paper sparingly, showing thrift.

Slant: The forward slant of the letters shows his ability to get along with people.

Baseline: The steady dropping line of the writing shows discouragement and depression.

The whole page shows speed, urgency and great determination. This page also is one of the best examples to illustrate how important the small letter *t* is in the analysis of handwriting. Speed is shown when more than one *t* is crossed at one time such as in the word "states" (line 5), "administration" (line 11), and in "short time" (line 15).

The page is also filled with many long *t* bars, an indication of determination. Note the word "secretary" (line 3), and "to" (line 7).

When the *t* is looped back, it is the sign of sensitivity. However, when, as in lines 10 and 19, it crosses by using the end of a word to make a large loop, the writer is protecting himself from getting hurt. This, combined with the closed *a*'s and *o*'s, further indicates a person who does not talk freely about himself.

On lines 2, 17 and 21, the word "of" is constructed as one filled-in line. This, in an intelligent, private person, shows hostility at being asked for information that he is not ready to give.

A convex *t* crossing, such as in the last word of line 1, shows great self-control, while a sensitive person who lashes out with sarcasm makes the star-shaped *t* you see in the word "at" on line 5.

One of the letters that shows a fluid mind is the final *r* in "dollar" (line 1) and "proper" (line 22).

How a person views himself is shown by the way the capital *I* is formed. Jackson's self-image at that time was not good, as seen in the exceptionally small capital *I* on line 12. Could this be the reason for so much driving force to accomplish what he could for his country while maintaining an emotional distance from others?

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"I Was Khomeini's Hostage..."

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really liked about the United States, but there were things they despised, calling our government corrupt, our people oppressed—particularly blacks and Chicanos."

They picked up many of their "hate America" slogans on campuses in the U.S.?

"In my opinion, yes. Two of the terrorists who interrogated me, a man by the name of Hosein and a girl we called 'Sister Philadelphia,' had attended colleges in the U.S." Hohman learned later that "Sister Philadelphia" was known on American TV as the ubiquitous "Mary," often seen translating at sessions televised inside the Embassy.

"She had attended schools in Philadelphia for six years," says Hohman. "Hosein was educated at Berkeley. He was one of the most rabid anti-Americans."

Hohman believes the terrorists "used" U.S. TV and the press to get their messages across. "I flatly refused to let them take pictures of me because I knew they would be used for propaganda tools of some sort." At first, he recalls, the terrorists would try to force him to appear. "They would threaten, 'You must do this or that, and if you don't we'll be harder on you.' But after I refused they stopped bothering me."

Were you tortured?

"I don't think torture is the right word. I was abused, sure, and kept in cold, windowless cubicles hardly large enough to lie down in. I was beaten on three occasions. Usually it was because I refused to be treated like an animal. When I'd get really vocal, they would lock me in solitary and work me over."

With their fists?

"Yes, with fists, but they usually wouldn't work on my face, and I never got any broken bones. Only bruises." Hohman thinks that the techniques used in the beating were learned from experts.

Hohman saw no direct evidence of Communist influence. In fact, he says, the terrorists were "down" on both the U.S. and the Communists. "They wanted nothing to do with either side."

One of Hohman's most terror-filled moments came on February 6, 1980, during an incident described by the hostages as "the Gestapo raid." He says, "They came in and stripped us

down and held us in a hallway of the Chancery building. They slid the bolts of their automatic weapons back and forth and then pulled the triggers. We couldn't see what was going on because we were blindfolded. It's an eerie thing to hear those weapon bolts being pulled back. Those kids were so crazy with weapons to begin with . . . They would point them in any direction and they were always going off."

Actually, Hohman said, during the first week of captivity, he had about decided that he and the others would be killed. "I wrote my wife telling her, 'This may be it and I may not be coming home.' Fortunately, she never got that letter. It really would have upset her."

Like other hostages, Hohman received very few of the many letters his family sent to him. Instead, the Iranians on occasion would distribute letters picked at random from the many thousands sent by Americans across the country. "It was the mail from America that we hung on," he remembers. "And the terrorists knew it, and played on it."

Sgt. Hohman was held in solitary confinement on four occasions. "It was usually when I got vocal and cussed them out about something. When I really got mad I'd call the guards such names as, 'You dirty rotten bastards. You guys are animals; you're pigs!'"

"They'd say, 'You can't curse the students.' And I'd reply, 'Why not? What are you going to do to me? I'm already a hostage.'"

At that point, Hohman would be taken to a dark, makeshift cell where from two to four men would beat him with their fists. By this time, the American was too weak to resist. "I had dropped from my normal weight of 130 pounds to around 120 and, on one occasion, to only 115 pounds." This was early last year after Hohman had gone on a hunger strike for 21 days, hoping it might induce the terrorists to release their captives.

Hohman says he and several other hostages had thought "very seriously" about trying a mass escape if they had not been set free by January 20, the day of President Reagan's Inauguration. "We were getting tired of being in prison. It was either go out in a blaze or sit there in prison

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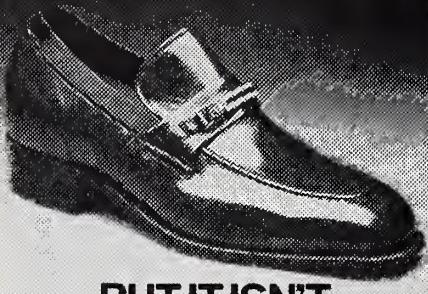
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and rot for God knows how long."

Hohman says he never felt altogether abandoned. "The letters I read told me that the American people were still fighting for us out there. Every time I'd read a letter, it would be an uplift."

A low point came when the sergeant learned last August that his youngest brother's wife had died—the previous April. "I greatly admired my sister-in-law and the news came as a terrible shock."

Hohman spent much of his time exercising or reading. He was among the "lucky" ones with access to some 5,000 books from the compound's high school. He also wrote an estimated 600 letters to friends and relatives, only about 30 of which ever reached their destination.

Hohman expressed rare bitterness over visits by groups of American clergymen to the Embassy last Christmas and Easter. "I refused to attend the services they held for us. I think they probably caused us more harm than good." The sergeant's greatest ire was reserved for those visitors who told the media in the U.S. that the hostages were being well treated. As far as he is concerned, it is unbelievable that anyone could have been "suckered" into giving such a report.

No regular religious services were allowed for the hostages. What did most to sustain Sgt. Hohman was his strong belief in family ties, something his father had encouraged. "I depended on my family and the few letters that got through. Also, one of the biggest things was knowing that the American people were out there fighting for us. I knew that they weren't going to give up. Some of the other hostages thought the country had forgotten us. But I said, 'No,' that if I believed that, I would have to lie down and die."

Hohman is convinced that his military training also helped keep him going. "My medical training really helped, too. As a result, I don't think they (the terrorists) could ever have gotten to my head . . ."

At times, the Iranians would come to Hohman and ask his advice for treating ailments of the other captives. "They would say, 'Your brother has so-and-so wrong with him.' I couldn't prescribe anything for the serious cases, but I did try to offer suggestions whenever I could."

What do you think of Iranian medical facilities?

"They stink. Most of the so-called medics we encountered had about as much know-how as a tenderfoot Boy Scout, maybe less." Hohman thinks it's something of a miracle that all of the American hostages survived. "It can only be because we were in such good health at the beginning."

"Our mental condition also held up surprisingly well. If you can keep sharp mentally, you can take anything. And we did, for the most part."

What lifted spirits to a great extent, says Hohman, were the times when two of the women hostages were allowed to do some of the cooking. "The Iranian food we got was mostly starchy stuff like rice and it tasted terrible. Also wormy dates. It was a real treat to get a decent meal for a change, and our women seemed to like showing off their gourmet cooking to the Iranians."

Now that he is back home, Sgt. Hohman has nothing but praise for the moral and material help provided to his family during his captivity. "The U.S. Army was 105 percent behind them. Anything my wife wanted or needed was provided."

As for the huge welcome home the hostages got in the U.S., Hohman says he's naturally delighted. "But the word 'hero' sticks once in awhile," he says, "because I can't see myself as a hero. I rather think we were victims, people in the wrong place at the wrong time. The people who were heroes were the eight Americans who died coming in to get us."

The outpouring of patriotism and national unity that accompanied the welcome left Hohman "surprised and proud. I'm grateful to feel a symbol of this, to be a part of history. It's going to help me readjust my life."

What most impressed you on coming back to the U.S.?

"Looking into the faces of the American people, the emotion, the openness that they had when they greeted us—it will stay with me until I die. It was beautiful."

Hohman says he feels bad that some Vietnam veterans have expressed bitterness that they were not given a similar welcome when they returned home from the war. Before the ticker-tape parade in New York, however, he did meet one Vietnam veteran who felt differently. "He must have read my thoughts because

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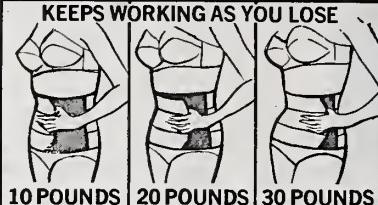


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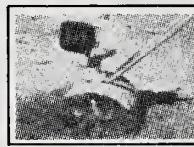
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he told me, 'Get out there and really give it a damned good show. You're doing this for us, also.' I said, 'You're right and we'll stand tall for you.'

Do you find any "lessons" for America from the long ordeal?

Personally, Hohman feels it was a mistake for the U.S. to have allowed the Shah into the country for the medical treatment that might have been available elsewhere. Beyond this, he believes the Embassy's personnel should have been allowed a choice of staying or leaving before the takeover, when the threat of mob action was clearly apparent.

And the seizure?

"The Embassy guards were a pretty tough bunch of Marines," says Hohman. "But I don't know how long they could have held off the mob before the 'cavalry' arrived."

At the same time, he adds, "When the terrorists first came over the wall, we didn't think it was as serious a situation as it really was. They talked only of a 'sit-in,' and there seemed no reason to believe otherwise. At first, the terrorists were waiting for Khomeini and the people to back them. If they hadn't received that backing, they probably would have walked away."

As for the ill-fated rescue effort last April, in which eight Americans died in an air collision at a desert rendezvous, Hohman believes, as do many of the ex-hostages, that it should have come within seven to 10 days after the Embassy's takeover, and in full force. "It may have cost us a lot of lives, but it would have shown that no one could step on the United States."

Personally, the sergeant is glad President Carter negotiated for the hostages' release. Yet, he feels it could set a bad precedent. And he thinks there's no reason why the U.S. should honor an agreement which, in reality, is tantamount to blackmail. Hohman also believes there's no reason for the U.S. to retaliate against Iran at this late stage. "They're bound to bring about their own downfall," he says, "and soon."

What the Iran experience showed above all, says the sergeant, is the need for a highly-trained, well-equipped strike force capable of moving to the rescue "right now," and, perhaps, it should be patterned after commando units used successfully by

the West Germans and Israelis in recent years. Although the U.S. is putting together such a force, Hohman is among those who wish it could have been ready 14 months ago.

If there was anything to be gained by the experience, Sgt. Hohman feels, as do the other hostages, that it showed the effectiveness of true national unity. President Reagan impressed the returnees as a strong and dedicated leader. And there is praise, too, for former President Jimmy Carter.

"When Mr. Carter came to see us in Germany," says Hohman, "I didn't want to even shake his hand. But he turned me around 100 percent. I respect him for coming forward and for being totally honest with us, including accepting responsibility for the failures. I'll always respect him and honor him for that."

As for the sergeant himself, he's still in the process of readjusting to normal life. "Also, I'm busy getting reacquainted with my children—Cathy, now 15; Yuri, 12; Kai, 8, and my older daughter, Janet, who presented me with my first granddaughter last November while I was out of touch with the world."

The Hohmans will be returning this month to West Germany, and in September, he plans to enter a course of study leading to service as a physician's assistant.

Following his freedom, Hohman also received his stripe as sergeant first class. And his overriding feeling is one of pride and gratitude—to his country and his uniform. "All I can say," says the sergeant, "is that I'm proud to be a member of the United States Army. It's the grandest feeling I've had in a long time."

The sergeant then asked a favor, "Could *The American Legion Magazine* let everyone know that I'd like to hear from the people who wrote me in captivity so that I can personally thank each of them."

Sgt. Hohman's address until next August: c/o 97th General Hospital, Box 31, APO, New York, NY 09757.

Chances are he'll be busy for quite a time answering a mountain of mail.

Editor's Note: SFC Hohman's Legion membership, which expired while he was a captive, has been renewed for 1981. He's also getting a year's back issues of the Legion Magazine to help him catch up. ■

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My Eyes

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ward to strutting his stuff and earning the praise and love he desperately needed. Mary was quick to lavish the puppy with praise and equally sure with rebuke when called for.

Hand signals were used in conjunction with voice commands. When Mary wanted Glenn Dawg to sit, she pointed to the floor as she gave the command. When she wanted him to stay, she held her hand in front of his nose. And, when walking him on the leash, she indicated by gentle tugs which way she wanted him to go.

As is inevitable in the life of any Guide Dog which succeeds, he had to leave the ranch and begin his formal training. Once back in San Rafael, Glenn Dawg met Don Madden, his professional trainer and constant attendant.

All during the guide portion of the training, Madden was checking on vital traits necessary in Glenn if he were to be a graduate. Does the dog want to learn? Does the dog realize he is expected to think, too? Does he use good judgment when offered choices? And the most important question for the professional trainer to ask himself is: "Would I be willing to place my life in the care of this dog if I were blind?"

Madden answered that question with an enthusiastic "Yes."

By the time I checked into the month-long training program, Glenn Dawg had been selected for me. My specific requirements and temperament had been matched to his. We were about to embark on a relationship bordering on marriage and it was essential that all aspects be considered—and they had been.

After a three- or four-day orientation period, Don took me to the recreation room and left me alone. I was about to meet Glenn Dawg for the first time. How would he react to me? Don had instructed me to sit quietly and wait without attracting the dog in any manner. I knew Glenn Dawg had never been in the room before, but I had no idea how he might respond to me. Would he curl up on the rug and fall asleep? Would he bite?

I heard the door close. Rough toenails scratched across the hard, bare floor. I clenched my teeth in anticipation. In the next instant, my heart soared as Glenn Dawg sauntered over, lay his head in my lap and issued a slight whimper. I scratched

his perfect ears and realized at that moment I had made the best friend I would ever have in my life.

We learned a great deal about each other. I'd hoped I'd be able to just tell Glenn Dawg to take me to the barber shop or out for a piece of pie. Yet while he remained an amazing animal with a steel-trap mind, some things are too much to ask.

The dog has no way of knowing the destination of his master. If a routine is set up, he probably has a pretty good guess, but must wait for the actual commands before moving into action. Consequently, the master must know where he is going and how to get there and even have contingency options in mind in case of something unexpected. The sidewalk may be closed. There might be a traffic accident or an infinite number of other possible variations. He must know how to cope with them and know what to do next. The dog must figure out some way to tell his master what a situation is. Communication is a two-way affair.

I learned to communicate with Glenn Dawg via a series of verbal and hand signals. The request to come is similar to a military fall-in. Glenn Dawg would approach, circle behind me and sit at my left side waiting for the harness to be connected. When I had it secured, we would perform a series of warm up exercises much like an experienced drill sergeant will give a few facing maneuvers.

If we were inside a familiar place, such as at home or work, I would issue the command "outside." Glenn Dawg would then take the safest, most direct route to the door. Once outside, he would follow my commands only if they proved to be in my best interest, all the while selecting the best route and avoiding any objects placed in our path since the last time we traveled the course. Once in a while Glenn Dawg would refuse to move after a request was given. The trainers called this "intelligent disobedience." It would be up to me to find the reason for the delay.

We completed our training within a month and, after a rousing celebration, were let loose on the world. Glenn Dawg and I traveled to several places around the world and we were a familiar sight in airports throughout the country. He received more attention from cabin attendants than I did. I liked to think he loved air-

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planes and flying as much as I did. He was probably more interested in the free sandwiches or the occasional sirloin steak left over from the first-class section.

The only time I can remember when he did not have complete control was late one frosty night in Grand Junction, CO. We stepped off the platform and were in the process of changing trains when a blast of steam spewed from one of the cars. Glenn Dawg stopped dead in his tracks, completely immobilized. Later, a fellow passenger explained that Glenn Dawg considered the situation, stuck his muzzle out as far as possible to protect me from any real danger, snapped at the hot, white rush and led me safely through as calmly as if we were walking down the sidewalk in front of my home.

I know our attachment strengthened as I told him of some of my previous adventures in life and he told me of his. He couldn't catch jackrabbits in New Mexico, but always had a good tale to tell about how he was thwarted and a real tail to tell it with too. Then there were the times of actual danger and serious peril we helped each other to cope with. The time on a tropical island when he saved me from a sure beating by thugs who waylaid me on the dark street to my hotel.

Then there was another time I'll never forget even though I wish my memory would fail me. It was the time Glenn Dawg was hit by a car. I spared no expense, effort or concern, but nothing helped. That was the last time I cried.

Our attachment to each other had been far deeper than textbook requirements. For more than 10 years, he had known instinctively that I would willingly follow his lead. Sometimes when I had not responded directly or quickly enough to suit him, Glenn Dawg had gently nudged me in the right direction just like a loving mother guiding a small child. We had communicated almost telepathically—a dozen thoughts or a thousand words were expressed instantly in a single gesture or facial movement.

On many occasions I had felt that Glenn Dawg wanted to stop and talk things over to help me understand. Now he's gone, and a part of me is gone with him. Such is the relationship between a sightless person and his dog. ■



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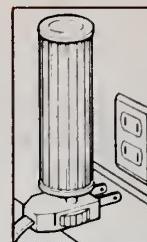
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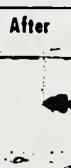
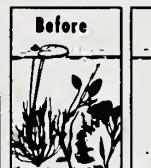
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Two Army privates paused at the side of the road to puzzle over a dead animal they saw there. "It has two stripes," said one. "That settles it," said the other. "It's either a skunk or a corporal."

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—GEORGE SAMUELS

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—LOIS LARKEN

March is the month you long for something green to come up—like money.

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"Wake up Roger—it's your turn to get the worm."

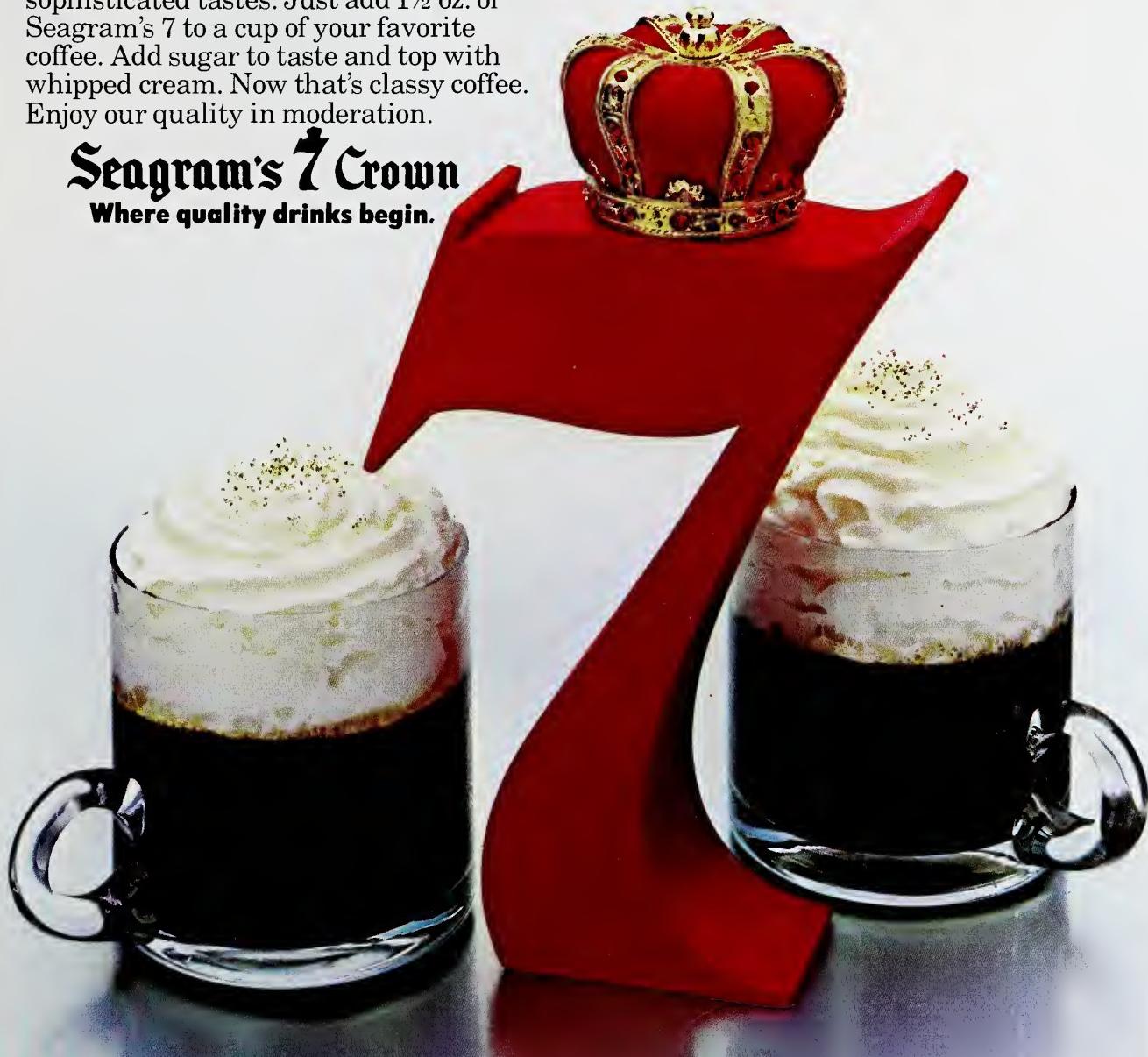
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